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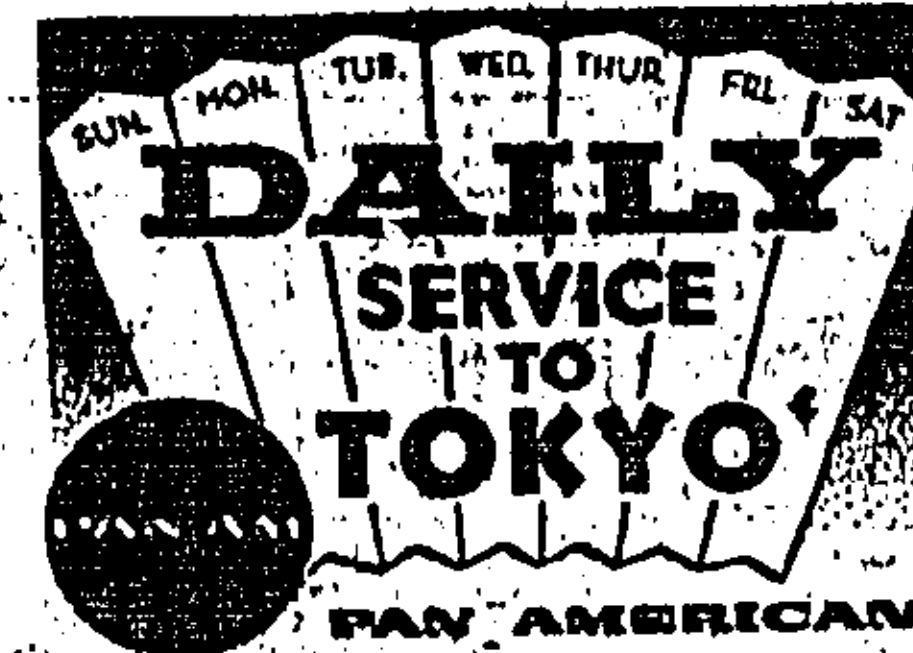
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Comment Of The Day

'Local Exile' For Hongkong

THE futility of trying to enforce deportation orders in a territory like Hongkong has again been illustrated in a case before the courts earlier this week. The practical difficulties of banishing a person to China or Formosa—unless he is politically acceptable—should be obvious to all. Even before the war when deportation to China was possible, the problem of returned banished was a familiar one.

Hongkong is not the only place which experiences this difficulty. Singapore does too, but that city has made an intelligent start with the idea of "local exile," a proposal which this newspaper advocated for Hongkong last year. The regularity with which banished people appear in court for breaches of deportation orders indicates that a similar idea applied to Hongkong could provide a reasonable solution to this problem, and possibly save a lot of court time wasted on these cases.

One Way

THE idea would be to establish an area for exiles either on the south-western coast of Lantau, or the north-western coast of the New Territories facing Mira Bay and the Singapore idea is to employ the exiles farming or fishing. "Deportation" of locally-born criminals to such an area would also be possible. This seems one way of ridding the community of undesirable people who might otherwise be free on a bond.

It may be argued that "local exile" is unlikely to be entirely effective. True, banished could still find their way back to the community. But supervision of the area by the Police could counteract this to some extent and at least it would be possible to effect a banishment order and more important to maintain it. The number of cases in which deportation orders have had to be rescinded in recent years shows only too clearly the practical difficulties involved in trying to effect them.

Move The Camp

THE close co-operation between the civil service in Hongkong and Singapore which has existed in the past will enable the Colony readily to obtain information on the project which that city is initiating. The authorities should then see how a similar project could be started here.

When we last wrote on this subject we linked the idea of "local exile" with a call to Government to remove the Chatham Road detention camp to some remote area of the Colony. Since then the Civic Association has supported the idea. This is a logical development of the principle of siting prisons in less populous areas which this Colony has already accepted with Chi Ma Wan on Lantau Island, Tai Lam Chung and Cape Collinson. But the main reasons for moving this camp are that it occupies valuable land in the centre of a busy city which could be put to better use. And like the idea of local exile, it would mean that bad hats and trouble makers are kept in a place where they can be of least danger to the general public.

\$200,000 DAMAGE IN ALEXANDRA HOUSE BLAZE BASEMENT FIRE PROBE

Could Have Been

Major Disaster

By CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Firemen are still investigating the cause of the midnight blaze in the basement of one of Hongkong's most modern city-centre skyscrapers—Alexandra House. It was a fire which could have been a major disaster.

Accused In Louey Case Says Police Beat Him Up

Lee Yu, a broker and one of seven accused in the Louey shooting case, denied at the Criminal Session this morning that he had ever gone to Mr William S. T. Louey's address in Waterloo Road on the morning of December 22.

He said he was arrested by the Police on December 23 and was asked where his elder brother, Lee Cheuk (another accused in the case) was.

On the following day, he went on, he attended an identification parade and was not identified. He was taken to another police station where he was "beaten up."

Injuries

Asked if he had admitted having taken part in the attempted robbery at Mr Louey's residence, Lee replied, "I did not go, why should I admit?"

On December 30, he said, he asked for a medical examination as he had received extensive injuries as a result of the assault by the Police.

He was later taken to Chatham Road Detention Camp where he was detained until January 20. He also alleged that during the detention period, he had been assaulted on two or three occasions.

He said as he was discharged from the Camp, he was met at the entrance by a number of police detectives. He said the cautious statement which had been admitted in Court had not been made by him.

Earlier, Lee Wing-yun, another accused, who had given evidence yesterday, was cross-examined by Crown Counsel, Mr D. N. E. Rea.

Denial

Lee denied that he had entered Mr Louey's house on December 22. He said he was only at the gate. He denied that he had wounded the gardener with a knife during the scuffle. He also alleged that Mr Louey had wrongly identified him during an identification parade as he had had swollen feet.

Hearing is continuing.

Break For Freedom

Singapore, July 15. An illegal immigrant dived off the dock today as he was being escorted aboard the China-bound vessel, Hol Wong. Two detectives from the Harbour Board Police later rescued the man, who finished up wedged between two piles. He was taken to hospital, and the Hol Wong sailed without him.—Reuter.

The source of the blaze was traced this morning to a basement store room of Union Trading Co Ltd and damage of stock there was estimated at \$200,000.

In the store were piece goods, shirtings, rubber tyres, ammonia in bottles, sweets, and motor cycle spare parts.

The Chief Fire Officer, Mr R. G. Cox said this morning: "It was extremely lucky that the building was not completely wiped out for occupation."

Smouldered

"The fire may have started before 7 p.m. yesterday and smouldered on for a long time. A basement fire of this kind could have gone on for hours before it revealed itself."

"The heat was so terrific that the temperature inside the basement was higher than outside even late this morning during my inspection," Mr Cox went on.

"One cannot even lay one's hand on the floor. This indicates how serious the fire was. The floor was nine inches thick."

Five fire engines and 35 men arrived immediately after receiving the call.

However, because of excessive heat and almost impenetrable smoke firemen broke up into a number of teams and entered the building through different entrances.

One team got in through the Lee House entrance to the basement, another through the entrance on Chater Road, and still another team tried to get in through the Office Appliances Co. Ltd, gaining access only after breaking through the glass door of the company.

Oxygen Masks

When firemen arrived at the scene last night, dense smoke was pouring out of the building. They had to wear oxygen masks and entered the basement at intervals of ten to 15 minutes.

As they fought their way to the seat of the fire, firemen heard minor explosions caused by bursting bottles in the Union Trading store room.

As a standard practice, the power company was notified and company personnel arrived on the scene and cut off the electric current so that there would be no danger of electrocution when the wires were wet with water.

The fire was brought under control at about 12.15 a.m., said Mr Cox.

The entrances to the basement which is in total blackout have been closed to users and watchmen posted to prevent anyone from gaining access.

British Colonel Found Hanged

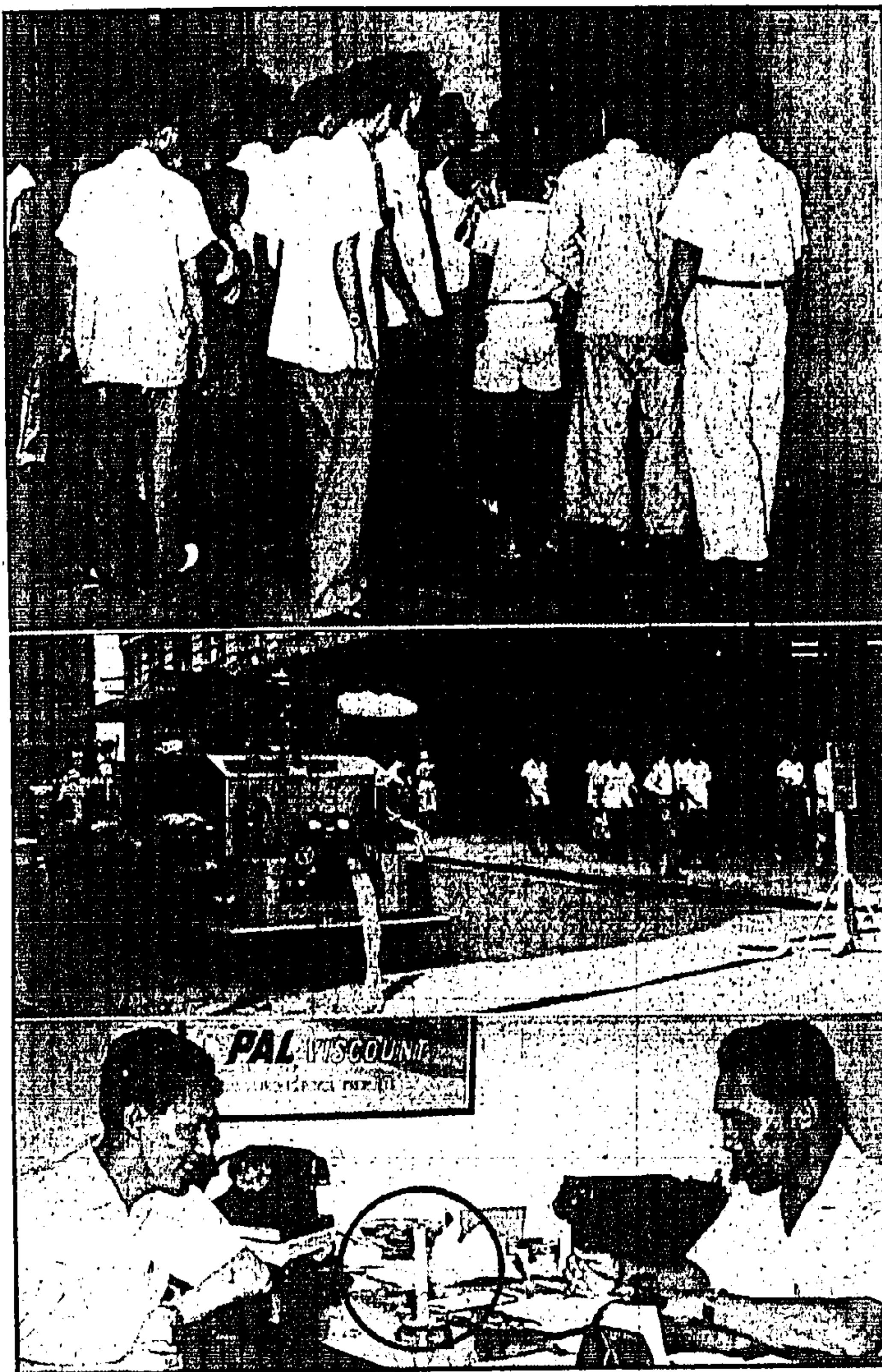
Singapore, July 15. Police said today they were investigating the death of Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. Blyth, Royal Engineers, who was found hanging in his quarters at the garrison officers mess, Tanglin, Singapore, yesterday.

Lieutenant-Colonel Blyth, 45, was attached to General Headquarters, British Far East Land Forces.

He was a bachelor.—Reuter.

Scout City

Manila, July 15. A city carved out of the side of a picturesque "enchanted" mountain about 30 miles south of Manila springs to life tomorrow when 12,000 boy scouts from all over the world including Hongkong, begin their tenth world jamboree.—Reuter.



These pictures taken this morning show scenes outside and inside Alexandra House the scene of last night's fire in which damage, estimated at about \$200,000, was caused. Above a crowd looks into the fire-blackened store room in which the fire started. Police prevented a China Mail photographer from taking a photograph of the room. The picture below shows a fire engine on stand-by ready to enter House Street outside Alexandra House. The picture at the bottom shows an office in the arcade, which was partially blacked out by the fire, lit by a candle, and for a moment, by our cameraman's flash bulb.—China Mail photos.

Atmospheric Storm Virtually Cuts Off HK From London, NY

A severe atmospheric storm has disrupted incoming cables to Hongkong and for several hours this morning the Colony was virtually cut off from London and San Francisco.

Hongkong was receiving cables from Southeast Asia and Australia, but long-distance traffic was severely disrupted. This meant that press agencies were unable to service the early hours of tomorrow, it was learned before going to press this afternoon.

The Wireless Engineer of Cable and Wireless, Mr V. L. C. Barry, said radio reception has been very bad throughout the night and was still continuing.

"It appears to be world-wide and our information is that it seems to have affected a very large area."

"Conditions are so bad that reports are not coming in. We'll not be able to know the cause until afterwards."

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Billie Leaves 10,000 Homeless In Taipei

Taipei, July 16. Typhoon Billie's blinding rains drove nearly 10,000 persons from their houses in Taipei last night.

Police said 9,740 persons evacuated to schools, temples and public markets during the worst storm since last autumn. Two hundred millimetres (7.9 inches) of wind-driven rain fell in Taipei during the storm which unleashed its full fury at dusk and continued most of the night. Tamsui River, skirting the western border of the city, burst its banks and reached a depth of nine feet, which is one foot over flood stage.

KNOCKED OUT Hundreds of automobiles were stranded in the flooded streets and power lines knocked out in most of the city all night.

No casualties were reported in Taipei but eight persons were injured, two seriously in Keelung, Formosa's northern port. The year's first rice crop, near harvest, was damaged in north Formosa.

This morning, according to a UPI cable, was calm and cloudy with light showers.

SHARP SHOWERS A sharp shower fell on the Colony at noon today but an official of the Observatory described it as part of normal weather.

Typhoon Billie was crossing the coast of China about 100 miles northeast of Fochow at 9 a.m. (that is about 450 miles northeast of Hongkong) and was moving northwest at about 12 knots.

Pressure is low over the whole of South China, it was reported by the Royal Observatory, about noon today.

John Wallace Comes Out Of Hospital

One of Hongkong's leading broadcasters, John Wallace, who suffered head injuries after an accident in a car last Saturday, came out of hospital this morning.

Apartment from the stitches in his wound, Mr Wallace has recovered from the accident.

"I looked like Yul Brynner on one side of the head and Elvis Presley on the other," Mr Wallace said, referring to his partly shaven head.

Japan Wants Full Benefit Of Gatt

London, July 15. Mr Nobusuke Kishi, Japanese Prime Minister, said today that Britain and Japan have decided to hold technical talks on the possibility of Britain granting Japan full application of Gatt without exclusion from most favoured nation benefits. He revealed this at a luncheon given by the Foreign Press Association in his honour here today.

Mr Kishi who was answering questions said that the technical talks would also review the negotiations for a long term Anglo-Japanese commercial treaty. Its conclusion has so far been prevented by Britain's invocation of article 35 of Gatt which prevents Japan enjoying most favoured nation treatment here.—Reuter.

Maximum Sentence For Triad Protector

A Colony magistrate today sentenced an unemployed man who forced two students to become triad members, to the maximum of two years' gaol plus a fine of \$2,000 or a further six months.

At the same time he appealed to parents and students to report triad activity. "Unless parents do this, their children will be further threatened," said the Magistrate, Mr T. L. Yang.

Infiltrate "Unless students do this, they will only encourage triad people to continue infiltrating into schools."

"And students who have been approached and threatened by triad members should not be afraid to tell their parents, the Police and school authorities."

The man sentenced was 30-year-old Yiu Wah. Yiu was said to have recruited three teenage students from a well-known Christian school in the Shaukiwan district in April 1958.

He took them to Lyemun village where with about 30 others—men and women from all walks of life—they were initiated into the society with full triad rites.

Each student paid him \$20 for being their protector.

450,000 Triad Members

As many as 450,000 of Hongkong's three million people may belong to Triad Societies.

But their power today is waning and the big gangs which have run the Colony's underworld ever since Hongkong was founded 117 years ago are breaking up.

A senior Police officer revealed this yesterday.

Active Ones

He said although 10 to 15 per cent of the population are thought to belong to the Triad movement, "probably no more than 20,000 are really active Triad members."

The Police officer was Mr Chan Cheung-chuen, Deputy Commandant of the Police Training School. He was speaking on the danger of Triad society infiltration into Hongkong schools.

In one of the most revealing disclosures on Triad activities in Hongkong, Mr Chan said there were 110 active Triad societies, 84 not so active, and 69 other societies, now regarded as inactive, though members still exist.

245 Societies

This meant that there was a total of 245 societies in the Colony.

Then he announced: "Triad Societies have become disorganised. Members pay little heed to their so-called leaders."

"There is a well defined tendency for splinter groups to break away from established societies and form new ones. The more societies break up into smaller bodies the better, as they become less strong and less effective."

Why the splintering tendency? "Some members have become dissatisfied with their share of the profits from the activities of their society and want to operate on their own for their greater profit."

Death Plunge

Paris, July 16. A 45-year-old Frenchman, Raymond Laverre, today threw himself from the Eiffel Tower while a group of about a hundred tourists emerging from the tower lift looked on helplessly. Laverre was killed instantly.—AFP.

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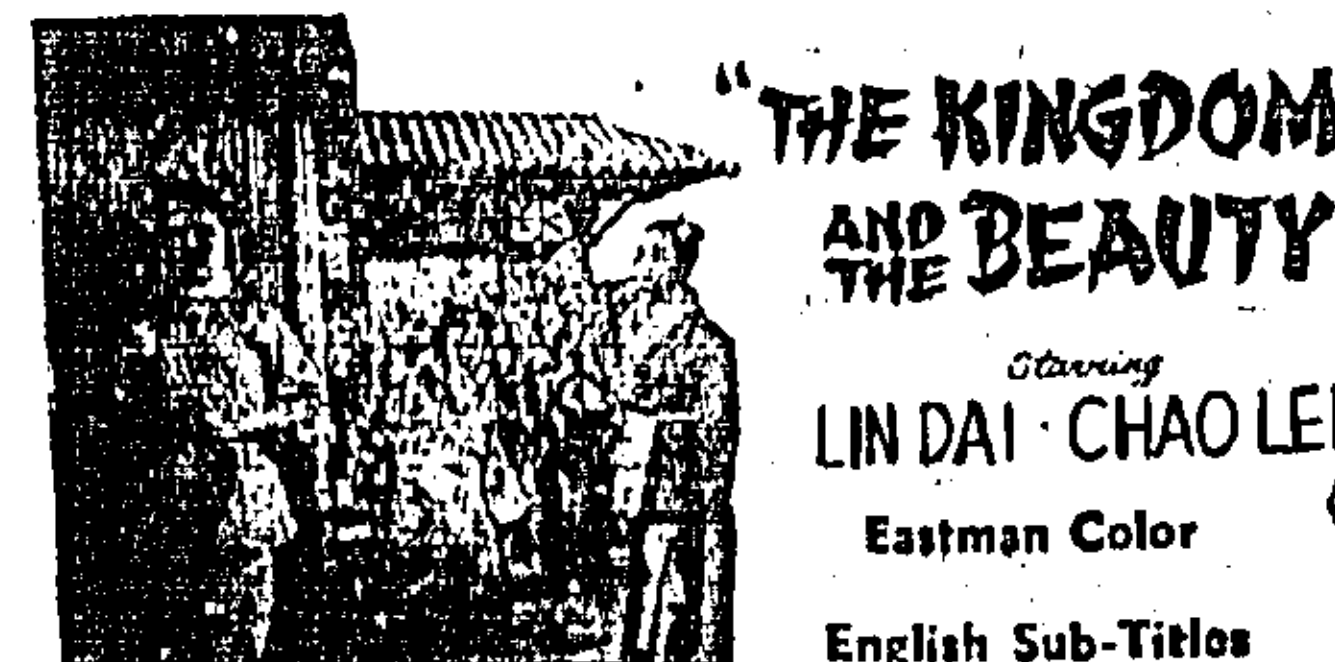
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Sydney Harbour Bodies

CHINESE TELLS
POLICE: 'I PUT
THEM THERE'

Sydney, July 15.

The Chinese first carpenter of the liner Talyuan had admitted having put the bodies of two dead Chinese into Sydney Harbour, a police witness told a court here today.

A detective said the carpenter, Wang Shu-chien, wept as he told him he had put two men in the water. Wang, 32, was present in court today as a sequel to the finding of the bodies of two Chinese after the Talyuan arrived in Sydney last month from Hongkong.

Wang pleaded not guilty to having on or about June 24, taken part in bringing to Australia an immigrant in circumstances from which it might reasonably be inferred that the immigrant was intended to enter Australia secretly, or without the knowledge of the Immigration Department.

Six other crew members of the Talyuan have also been charged with this offence.

They are Ping King-kun, 30, seaman, Gun Yueng-kwang, 30, seaman, Puk Sing, 35, seaman, Kwong Yu-wong, 40, seaman, Shin Chin-wong, 35, chief steward, and Chin Woo-yung, 37, carpenter.

Wang, Shin and Gun are also charged with having attempted to conceal a body from the coroner.

The Crown is proceeding, at this stage, only against Wang on the immigration charge.

Not Eaten

Detective-Sergeant A. H. Trevenar told the court today that on June 26 he saw Wang in tears at the Woolloomooloo Wharf where the Talyuan was berthed.

He said Wang told him that he had not eaten for two days and was very hungry.

Wang said he had put two bodies in the water, Trevenar said.

Trevenar said Wang gave him HK\$228 and £70 in Australian money and said the ship's laundry boy had given him (Wang) the money from the chief steward.

Found Body

Det-Sgt. A. Clarke of the CIB scientific bureau, said about 9.30 a.m. on June 26, he examined the body of a Chinese near No. 9 wharf, Woolloomooloo.

The body was covered in a mattress cover, which had been pulled over the head and tied around the torso with a piece of rope.

The following day he examined a second body, similarly covered.—Reuters

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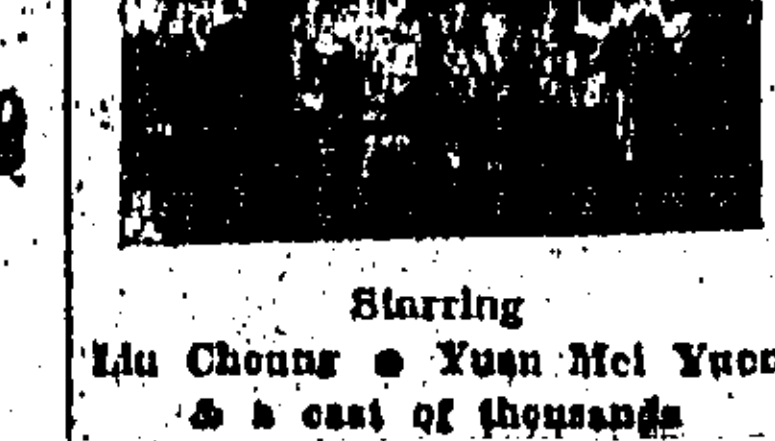
Washington, July 15. President Eisenhower made it clear today that he would not seek an injunction at least for the present, in an effort to end the nationwide steel strike which began at midnight last night.

He told a press conference that the emergency conditions, under which he could ask for a court injunction for an 80-day "cooling off" period were not in existence at the moment.—Reuters

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Search For Headhunters In Luzon

Manila, July 15. Philippine constabulary troops are combing the thick jungles of Nueva Vizcaya in northern Luzon for a group of fierce Ilongot warriors on a headhunting expedition.

Constabulary headquarters reported no sign of the headhunters so far.

The Ilongots are an aboriginal tribe living in the mountainous jungles of northern Luzon. They still practice headhunting during their traditional ceremonial rites.

The headhunting group, the army said, was composed of young warriors out to prove, by cutting off the heads of Christians, that they could already marry.

The headhunters recently ambushed a group of five men on a hunting trip. The bodies of two of the men — with the heads missing — were found three days after the ambush.

The other three men are still missing and believed to be held captives by the Ilongots.—Reuters

All Quiet

Ridgeway, Ont., July 15. Police who discovered a break-in at the Watt electric store here found the watchdog sleeping peacefully in the basement and the intruder, George W. Price, 48, asleep in a chair.—UPI

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Desperate Effort To Reach Trapped Miners

Sydney, July 15.

RESCUERS striving to reach two miners entombed more than 600 feet underground at the South Mine at Broken Hill, 700 miles west of Sydney, have rammed a high-pressure air hose as far as possible into blocking rubble in the hope that air will filter through to them.

But they fear that the two men are dead.

The two men have been trapped since Monday in a slope, a cavern hewed out by miners, where they were seeking new ore bodies.

In Relays

Hundreds of tons of rock and filling have been shifted by rescuers, who are working in relays to dig through to the trapped men with hand tools.

The management has barred the use of explosives for fear of further rock falls.

The only hope for the buried miners is that they may be in a corner of the slope face protected by a cave-like overhang.—China Mail Special

The Rolls Has

A Drawback!

Dorby, July 15. The Rolls-Royce Company announced it had received a complaint from an Australian sheep farmer who recently traded in his 30-year-old Rolls.

"It's useless," he wrote of the new car. "There is no outside running board. Where on earth do they expect me to put the dead sheep?"—UPI

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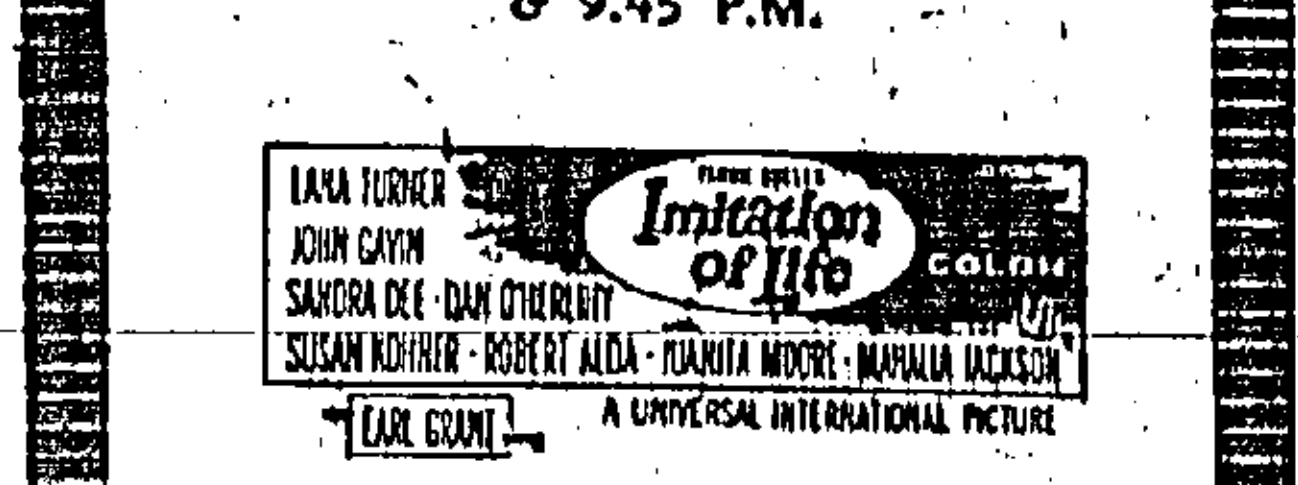
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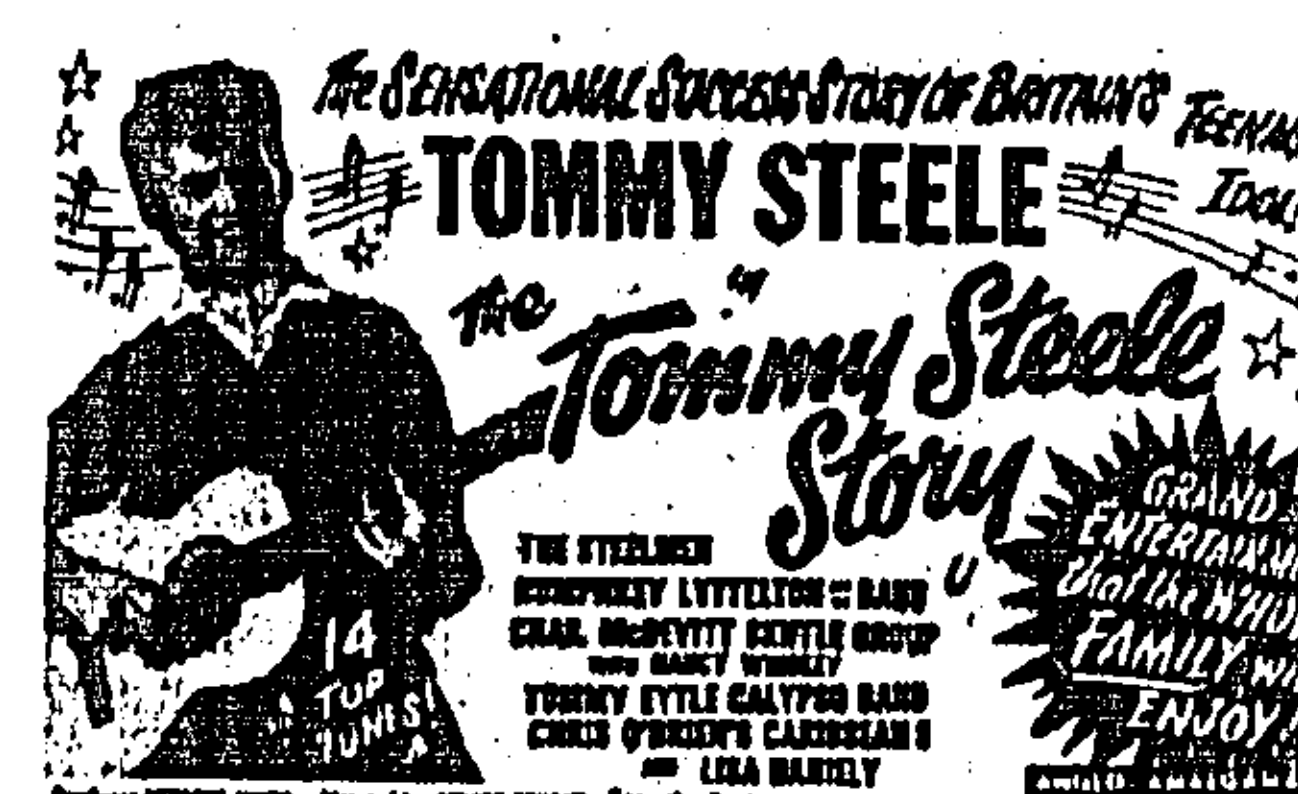
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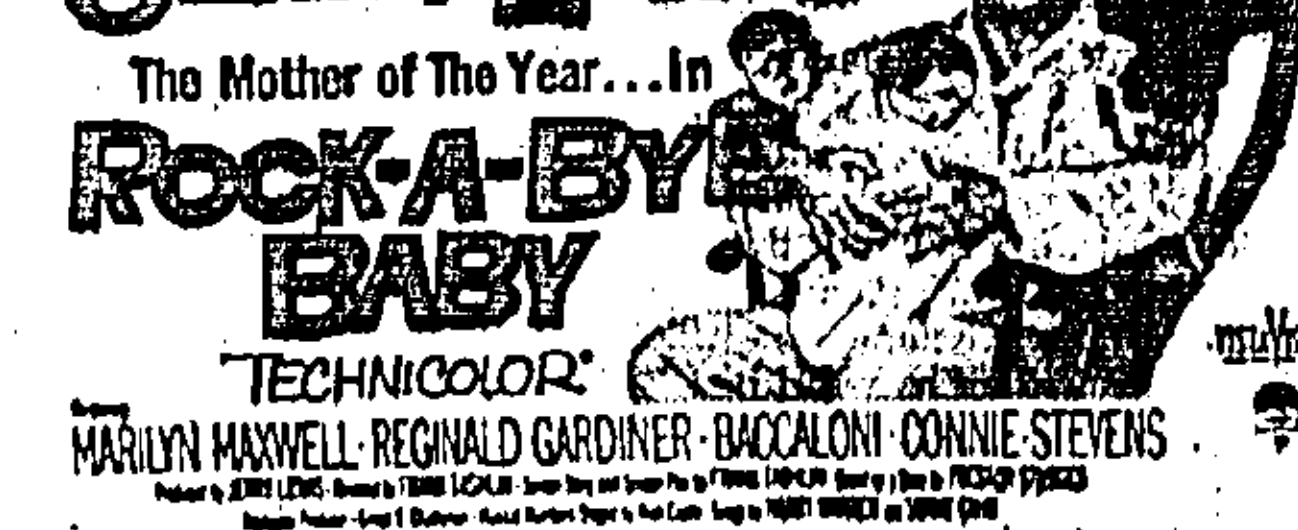
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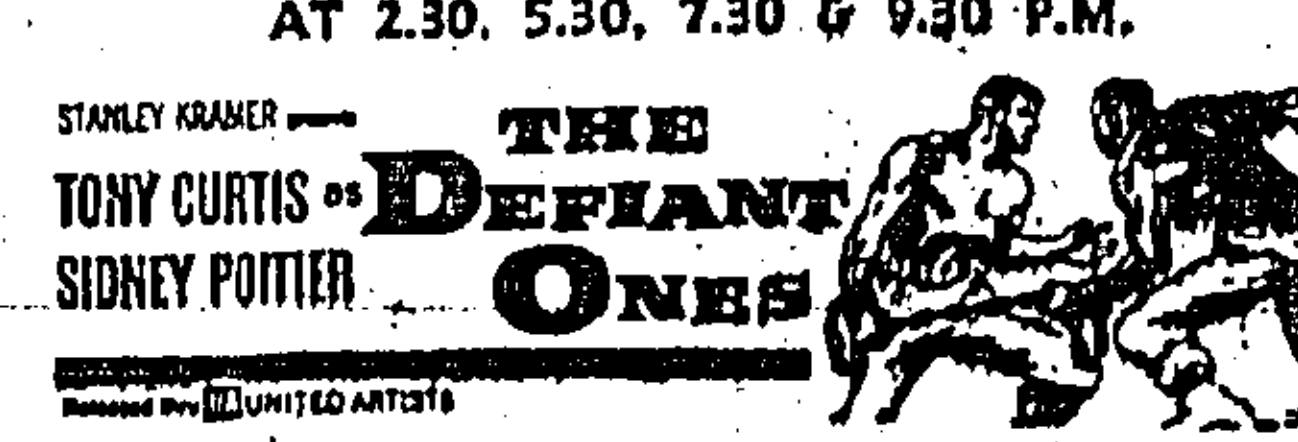


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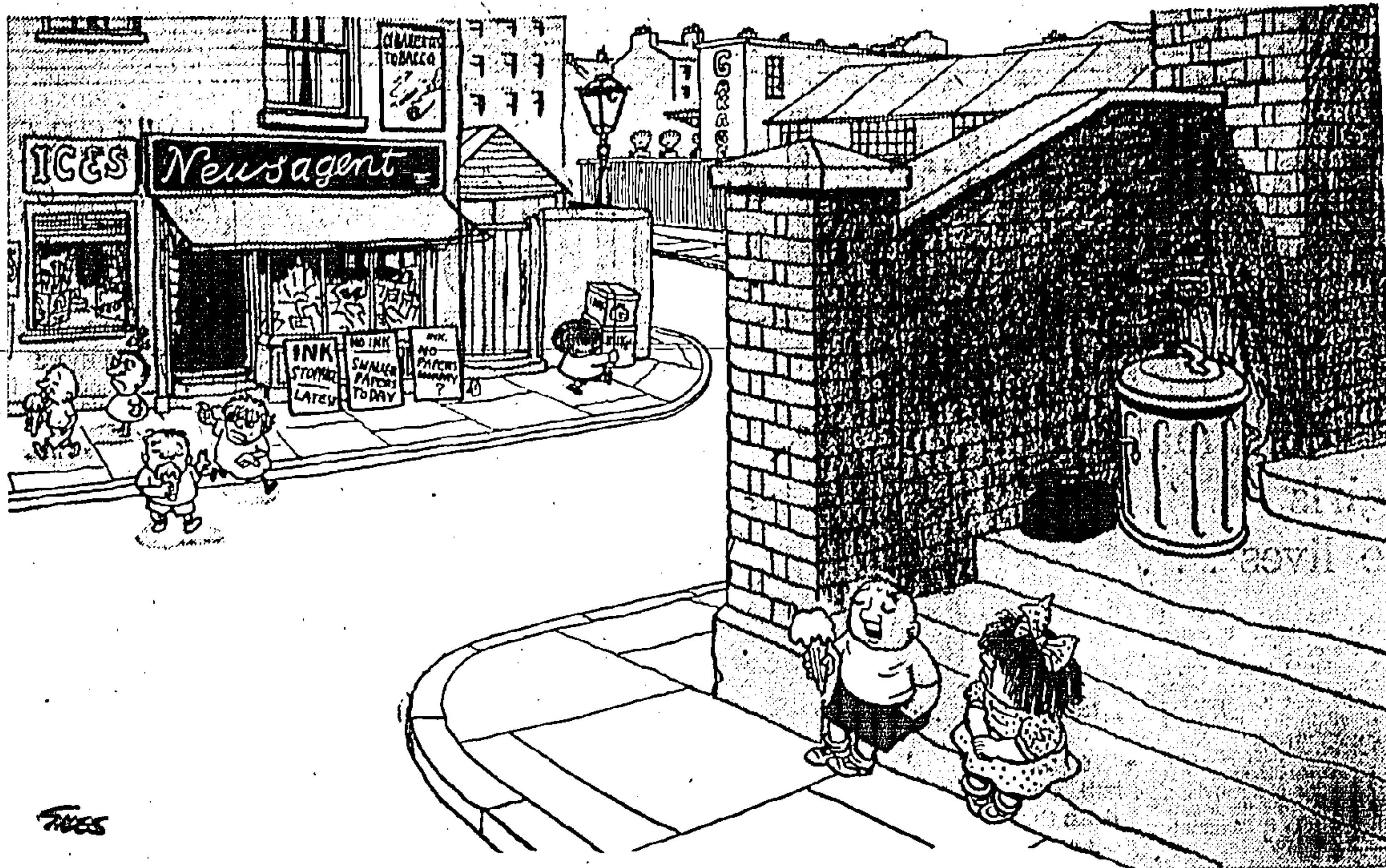
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Language row to upset Queen's visit?

Cardiff, Wales. WORRIED officials fear that a row over the Welsh language may prevent the Queen from visiting one of her capital cities. The row blew up at Cardiff when Mr T. W. Thomas, chairman of the Cardiff Executive Committee of the 1960 Royal National Eisteddfod, wrote to Buckingham Palace inviting the Queen to next year's festival.

Seven members of the committee, headed by Dr Iorwerth Peate, and the woman secretary of the Publicity Committee resigned.

They maintained that the invitation violated the rule which laid down the proceedings of the Eisteddfod—a festival of music, poetry, prose and singing—must be in Welsh.

A Member

The row dragged on for weeks, until the Eisteddfod Council—ruling body of the festival—came out with a statement that



the invitation did not break the "law."

The Queen, the council said, could attend as a member of the Gorsedd (a circle of bards), but would not be required to speak in either English or Welsh.

The all-powerful Literary Committee, which sets the sub-

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

jects for competition among aspirants to the title of Crown or Chair Bard, rejected the ruling and defied the Executive Committee's order to name a new chairman, vice-chairman and secretary.

Ten of the 27 members of the committee resigned, and in a letter to Mr Iorwerth C. Evans, general secretary of the executive committee, said they did not believe that the Cardiff organisation had the interests of the Welsh language or culture at heart.

'Bedevilled'

They could not accept the council view that the Queen's presence did not break the all-important all-Welsh rule.

Now Eisteddfod officials are worried about the possible repercussions of the dispute.

An executive committee member said: "I have never known, in 38 years' association with the Eisteddfod, for it to be so bedevilled with trouble."

Officials have tried to find out what the Palace attitude is towards the invitations, but they have been told: "The Queen alone decides whether or not she accepts invitations."

LIMELIGHT BY THOMAS WISEMAN

London. MOST Britons are already intimately acquainted with the work of Professor Werner von Braun. He was the man who made the V2's for Hitler.

Now Hollywood is to give us the opportunity of becoming acquainted with the man himself. He will be played by Curt Jurgens in a film to be made later this year by producer Charles Schneer.

Mr Schneer was in London recently and I met him at the offices of Columbia Pictures in Wardour Street; he is a cheerful, bespectacled, youngish, go-getting American who made his reputation with a film called The Seventh Voyage of Sinbad.

Mr Schneer sat behind a large executive's desk in a large office and said how much he liked London.

He said he understood quite a lot of people in London had been killed by Professor von

Mr. von Braun—a chance to know him better

(OF COURSE, WE KNOW HIM PRETTY WELL ALREADY)

Braun's rockets—he wasn't aware of exactly how many but he would check all that because his film was going to be absolutely accurate.

In the circumstances, he quite understood that some of us might be prejudiced against von Braun, well, it was only natural, but he wanted me to know that Werner was a good guy—he knew him personally—and an honourable man.

"In America," said Mr Schneer, "he is considered a hero and President Eisenhower conferred upon him the highest award that can be conferred on a civilian. For his work on American rockets."

His dream

"You see," said Mr Schneer, "Werner was a guy who just wanted to make rockets. That was his dream. The fact that they put explosives in the rockets and shot them at London, well, that wasn't his idea."

"Look, if he hadn't made those rockets the Nazis would have killed him. What could he do?"

"He could have died," I suggested.

Mr Schneer thought that was a somewhat unreasonable suggestion, though he conceded it was what film heroes usually do

in similar circumstances. But that was just in films. "My attitude," said Mr Schneer, "is that this man had a most unusual career, one worthy of dramatization. We are going to tell the whole story. Oh yes, we are certainly going to include the V2 period."

"That was a most important phase. It's a bit tricky technically, but there is some excellent newsreel stuff in existence of the V2s being launched on London and we are getting full co-operation from the British War Office."

"Your Mr Dunean Sanders has been most helpful and encouraging. He's taken a real interest in our project."

"Werner himself has been most helpful, too. He is very keen on the film being made and he has given us full co-operation in the matter of providing us with details of his life."

Substantial

Professor von Braun had been paid a substantial sum of money for his co-operation, said Mr

Schneer, but he would rather not say exactly how much. He told me there was going to be a character in the film who would express the views of those people who thought rather harshly of von Braun's war-time activities.

"Werner doesn't mind this," said Mr Schneer. "Oh sure, he objects to the point of view, but he is, you know, like Voltaire, he respects the fact that other people have the right to say what they think."

Sympathetic?

"I think he's been very heroic about it all and I think he will come out as an enormously sympathetic character in the film."

"But, of course, we shall quite understand that some of you in London, in view of your experiences, may not feel sympathetic towards him."

"Still, I hope you'll want to see the film. Everybody's entitled to his opinion."

Mr Schneer said that in dealing with certain aspects of von



CURT JURGENS... he will play von Braun, the V2 scientist Americans consider a hero.

Braun's private life they were going to allow themselves some artistic licence.

"It's nothing anyone will get upset about," he said. "Actually Werner is married to a girl who is 18 years younger than him. We're changing that because in America a fellow who's married to a girl 18 years younger than him—well, he isn't very sympathetically regarded for some reason. So we'll make the girl nearer his own age."

Mr Schneer said that the title of his film was going to be I Am At The Stars, because that was what von Braun did.

I said that if he was aiming at the stars, his film hadn't been

all that accurate in the case of those rockets that landed on London, but then, maybe, he was just getting into practice.

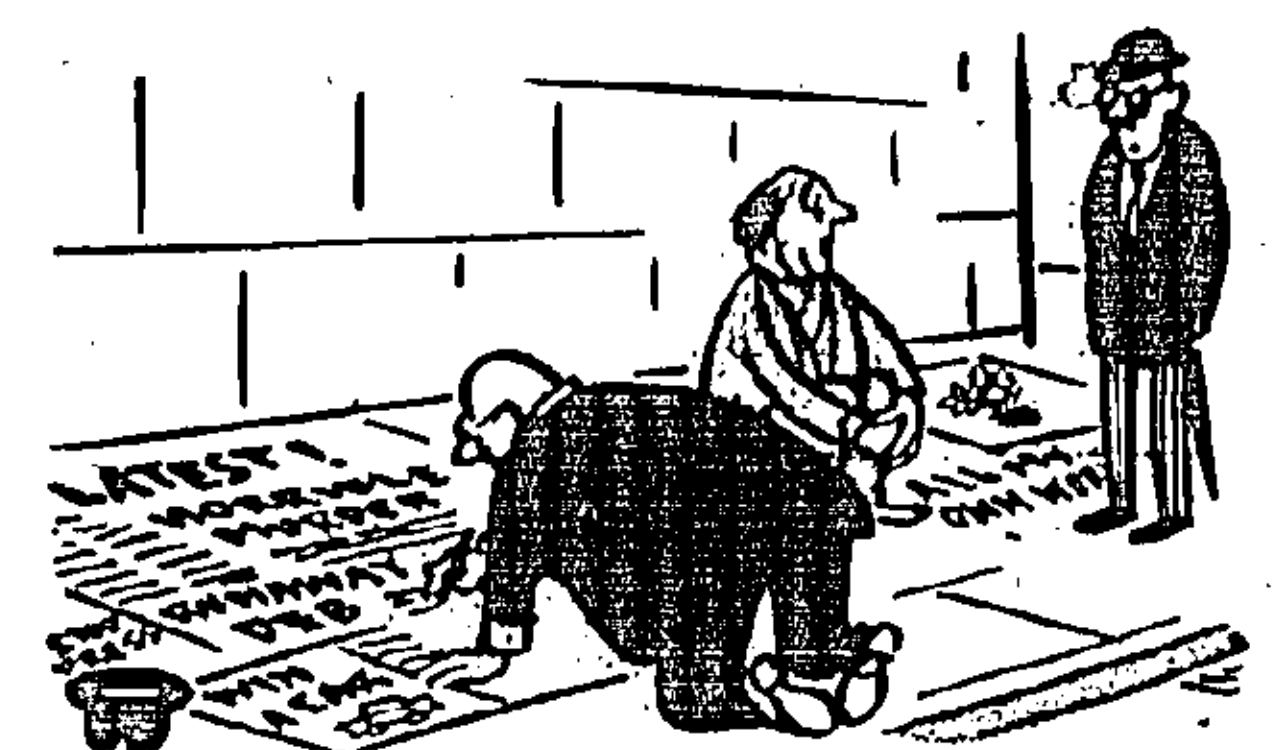
First-class

Mr Schneer said he wanted me to know that they were going to make a really good film, and they had got a really good writer to do the script.

"A man called George Francher," said Mr Schneer, "a first-class man. Well, you know, he wrote Mrs Malver. What more can I say?"

What more indeed. (London Express Service).

WEEKEND Friell



"I don't know, I haven't seen him before..."

Just Fancy That!

BARRISTER Mr Roland Brown, at West London County Court: "A dog is a mindless creature." Judge Hugh Mals: "I do not think you will receive any sympathy from dog lovers when you make a statement like that."

THE rate of drawback of import duty on unblown hatters' fur is reduced 6d. a lb. under the Import Duty Drawbacks (No. 6) Order, 1959, issued by the Treasury in London. What does this mean? A Treasury spokesman said: "The Treasury is mainly concerned with policy, not technicalities." The Customs and Excise office said: "Unblown hatters' fur is hair from rabbit or hare skin which has been processed beyond the raw stage by carotting it up to felling quality. The tips out the fur becomes bluish and blown. To be affected by the Order it must be unblown."

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The New Aircraft Engine: 'Turbo-Fan'

NEW style jet engines are being developed both in Britain and in the United States which combine the speed performance of the existing pure jets with the fuel economy of the propeller-jets like those used on the Viscount and the Britannia, or the new Russian Tu-114 which recently flew non-stop from Moscow to New York.

In Britain they are known as "ducted fan" engines, and in America as "turbofans."

The fan, which takes the place of the propeller, is placed in a metal duct inside the engine.

Engine designers say the new engines give such an improved performance that, by using the ducted fan, a comparatively small jet engine can be made to give the power thrust of today's large jets.

This will mean a great saving in weight, which in turn will add to the range and fuel economy of aircraft.

In other words, tomorrow's aircraft will be able to travel farther, and probably faster, than today's jets for the same amount of fuel and on smaller engines. This should slash airline fares.

Take-off power

The Bristol-Siddeley combine has just announced a new ducted fan, the BE53, for use in future generation airliners which will use the thrust of the jets to lift them straight off the ground. Its take-off power is claimed to be as of the same order as the giant Bristol Olympus jet, the engines used in the RAF's delta-winged Vulcan bombers.

In America the Douglas Aircraft Company is planning a new jet airliner, the DC9, with ducted-fan engines even before the DC9, now undergoing its tests, has reached airline service. The DC9 is to be ready for 1963 use. (London Express Service).



"Ah, Hugh, the Good Old Days... grinding poverty; 2,000,000 unemployed! People used to listen to us then!"

London Express Service.

WOMANSENSE

Anne Scott-James

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

THURSDAY, JULY 16

BORN today you are one of those rugged individualists who abound in physical and nervous energy. Unless you are busy, you cannot be completely happy. You are a strong, positive personality and you meet opposition with a firm hand. It almost seems as if the bigger the fight needed to win, the more you enjoy it.

There is a deeply religious vein in your make-up and you will hold to the highest of ethics in everything you undertake. You have a great deal of positive faith and forge ahead with your goal with positive direction. You of the fair sex are considered rather stern disciplinarians and you will run your home or your job in accordance with very strict regulations. Since you have a head for business, you will probably run anything you start at an excellent profit.

FRIDAY, JULY 17

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—You may need to give special consideration to employment matters. Hold firm on the job.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Promote affairs of children today and benefit from seeing them happy. You will enjoy life, too.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take care of everything on the domestic front. For a few good days to polish off all odd jobs.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Your best day of the week. Expect your best efforts and get what you want from your job.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Take a giant forward step toward some important objective. You should achieve it easily now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—A fine time for family outings. A good weekend to get into the country or to the shore.

Although you may not admit it, even to yourself, your emotional nature is strong and you may find yourself falling in and out of love with considerable rapidity. You must learn to hold your emotions under more strict control as you may find that you are in the midst of difficulties most of the time.

Among those born on this date are: Roald Amundsen, Norwegian explorer; Charles Sheeler, American photographer and painter; Charles Melville Dewey, painter; Kathleen Norris, author; Sir Joshua Reynolds, painter.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—You may want to make a change in some previously-made plans. You can be as flexible as you wish.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Follow up yesterday's good, new lead and you will discover that you can achieve fine results.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Make fine progress on your major objective during the next four days. No time now for procrastination.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If you are planning a journey to distant places, this is a good time to make careful arrangements.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Buying and selling today should bring you a handsome profit. Just read all the small print on the contract!

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Combine social and business interests advantageously. Entertain an important person in your home.

With a word first for bosses on what matters most to the girls in their office lives...

This week, I'm a woman with a mission. I want to promote peace and good will between managements and women.

I've been digging into the problems of women who work, from first-year typists to crack executives. And I've talked to the staff officers of some famous firms.

Bosses, if you only knew it, your women will slave and die for you if you provide two simple necessities: A clean cloakroom and a kind word.

MEMO to bosses: Women are conscientious, adaptable, co-operative, loyal, half as catty, and twice as discreet as men. But they are emotional beings, and you must face it.

I asked 32 women what mattered most in a job. Only three said the money; 32 said "a friendly atmosphere."

One said: "I know it's stupid, but if my boss forgets to say good-night to me, I'm wreathed in gloom. I feel I've done something wrong."

Another said: "I once worked for a man who treated me like

the typewriter. He said I wasn't paid to think. I hated every minute of it."

Another said: "I took a week off with flu, my first sick leave in four years, and the manager said: 'It's all in the mind.' I hated him for weeks."

A staff officer said: "Every so often a woman needs a pat on the back. As in marriage, she wants to be told it's a success. Men can take it for granted. As in marriage."

MEMO to bosses: Women mind very much about their surroundings. They need cleanliness and light and good equipment. A cloakroom with proper mirrors, towels, hot water.

A man can wear a scruffy suit and live in a pool of piss—this is a first-class worker. But a sloppy woman is sure to be a dud.

MEMO to bosses: You need NOT worry too hard about women's status and priorities. The verdict of six staff officers, three of each sex, was: "Men are more jealous."

A man in a job is climbing all the time. A woman is working

TO MAKE YOUR LIFE EVEN LIVELIER

Grown-up colours are new for daughters. Ingrid Bouling chooses black and white. See: 'So fresh'



and a bloody Mary sends you running for a bandage, you've often had to get willy on orange juice—with dismal results.

For us, good news. The fashionable drinks are getting longer and lighter. Cool, pretty drinks in long glasses, with floating flowers are being carried round at cocktail parties and served before dinner. After talking to hostesses and big shots in the drink trade, I believe this trend for the longer glass will carry on from summer into autumn. Drinks to try now:

LAGER with a dash of lime juice, off the ice.

CAMPARI or Dubonnet, or your favoured aperitif, with ice and soda.

VODKA in a long glass, filled up with tonic. (The competition between gin and vodka is becoming an industrial war on the scale of soap flakes versus detergents.)

THE AMERICAN drink, John Collins (a measure of gin with fresh lemon juice, a touch of sugar and ice, filled up with soda).

AMERICANOS, which are one part campari, one part vermouth, filled up with soda, and finished with a twist of orange.

By the way, stouter drinkers need not feel disheartened by this news. They just take two drinks instead of one.

And, of course, some of these pretty things are not nearly as innocent as they look.

SO FRESH

BIG news for little girls—the new clothes from America are in very grown-up colours.

One of the prettiest women in London, Mrs. Roy Bouling, has brought back a raft of cotton dresses for daughter, Ingrid, aged 11.

The story is demure, almost Victorian in dress in brown and white, black and white, navy and white. Surprisingly, they look just as fresh and young as the usual banal pinks and blues.

(London Express Service).

THERE'S ALWAYS A WAY

By Anne Heywood

"WHATEVER may happen to the world, people will always eat!" That's what a friend of mine said many years ago in college.

She has decided that the food field was the field for her. Because even though depression was raging on, food companies still stayed in business.

HER LIFE WORK "I love food, and it's here to stay. I'm going to make it my life work."

I have thought of her often. Though we've completely lost touch, I'm sure she's doing well. No doubt she's working with food some way, even if she has a baker's dozen children.

The best part of the food business is that it's possible to keep your hand in—no matter where your life may lead you or what your circumstances may be.

For example, some friends of mine in the Business and Professional Women's Club have told me about a member of the Utah club, Lucinda Larsen of Logan, Utah.

DANISH ANCESTRY Mrs. Larsen came from Danish ancestry. She learned to cook in her mother's kitchen when she was eleven. As a young girl she went to work in a candy factory and later became an instructor in the art of candy-making.

During the Second World War she was in an officers' club. At one time she demonstrated oven cooking for a large appliance manufacturer. Now the results of her hours in the kitchen have been put together in a successful business.

HOME ECONOMICS During the war I knew a girl who was a home economist major. Wherever her Navy husband was transferred, she found some kind of job. She worked for a restaurant, a hospital, a food company and a catering service.

If you're a high school student, interested in food, think about majoring in home economics in college.

And you are untrained in it, but like the idea of working with food, think of the following possibilities:

1. Having learned to type, you can apply for a job in a food company or an advertising agency handling a food account.

2. Concentrating on a specialty which you make extremely well, you can set up a home baking or candy business.

3. Contact local caterers and good restaurants. See if you can get an earn-while-you-learn kind of job. It's frequently possible because the food field is expanding all the time.

As Mrs. Larsen said, "People will always eat!"

Washing Woes

By Kate Dalrymple

UNtil the day comes when you can throw the child and its clothes into a machine and both emerge cleaned, pressed and dried, it is important to check on the washability of clothes, particularly children's things, before you buy them.

Drip-dry clothes for instance, can be a liability if you own a washing machine with a spin drier, for you must fish them out of the water half-way through and they will have creases squashed into them.

I discussed this problem with laundry expert Audrey Carstens this week, and she agreed that the fewer temperamental fabrics you own, the better. My own weekly laundry includes clothes that must be ironed and clothes that must not; things that like hot water and things that abhor it, and Miss Carstens said I was very badly organized.

Read Instructions "You should read the washing instructions on the label before you buy the clothes," she told me. "You will end up with a washing machine that is only half-loaded and a pile of hand-laundering to do. For automatic machines cottons are ideal—particularly jersey or towelling. But if you have a machine without a drier, go in for drip-dry fabrics. Not only do you save on ironing, but the finish on the material makes the clothes dry quicker."

One thing that annoys me is the ridiculous discrepancies in some children's clothes. Someone gave my daughter a very pretty nylon dress that needs no ironing—but the petticoat, firmly attached to it not only needs careful ironing, but starching as well.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

WEST did not know what to do with his 19 points. He decided to start with a trap pass and then went into business as a doubler at his second turn to bid.

East did not like anything about the hand, since his side was not playing defense, with the opened the door of hearts and passed a short speech for delivery to his partner after the hand was over.

Fortunately for West the speech which was to discuss the folly of doubling someone into game was never delivered.

W. CARD SERIES

Q—The bidding has been:
North East South West
1♠ 2♥ Double
3♥ Pass 4♥ Pass
4♥ You, South, hold:
432 ♠ 75 ♠ Q1087 ♠ AK632
What do you do?
A—Bid five clubs. Your partner must have club support and you have a good five-card suit headed by the ace-king. Six clubs would be a possible alternative bid.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Again your partner has opened one spade and second hand has overcalled two diamonds. You, South, hold:
4Q4 ♠ J987 ♠ AQ2 ♠ KJ52
What do you do?
Answer Tomorrow

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"You aren't, by happy chance, the boss's daughter?"



Homemakers Become Noontime Snackers

ARE you a noontime snacker? If so, you are one of the great majority of the 45 million women who do not go to business and who lunch alone at noon. Does this routine seem familiar?

First act in your day's nutrition: A hurried cup of coffee, some juice and toast for breakfast, snatched while dispatching the family to work or to school.

WARMED-OVER COFFEE Second act: A cup of warmed-over coffee and a piece of cake during the morning to make up for a skimpy breakfast.

Third act: Lunch. A little of this, a bite of that, usually gleaned from accumulated leftovers in the refrigerator—often not even reheated and eaten while standing at the kitchen counter. You begin to feel listless, tense and sorry for yourself. You think of the children soon coming home from school, then dinner to prepare, etc.

POOREST LUNCHEONS Nutritionally and esthetically, the poorest lunches consumed today are eaten by homemakers, our most important and, in many cases, busiest working group.

Don't let lunches just happen. Plan them thoughtfully. Arrange them attractively on a tray. Enjoy them beside a sunny window or in the living room. Just lie down for a few minutes or rest sitting and read or do anything you don't have to do, just so long as you relax!

TRICK OF THE CHEF Season noodles with 1 tsp. crushed, scalded caraway seed for interesting taste.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS Be over-generous with hem allowances on your new curtains. Then, should you move or transfer them to another room, it will be easy to adjust them to a different height.

Cream cheese mixed with chopped onion and spread between slices of whole wheat bread makes an interesting thing to any lunch box.

When the garments are thoroughly dry, brush the mould well. If there are any marks left, rub with carbon tetrachloride till the stains are removed.

Sprinkle flour on to the knife and chopping board to make the cutting up of meat easy.

After cleaning white paint-work rub it over with a cloth wrung-out of starch water. It will look beautifully glossy.

Hang garments which are stained with mould in the sun.

Don't tell me you're too busy. Just fifteen minutes of rest and relaxation will refresh you for the rest of the day.

TOMORROW'S DINNER

Green-Peppered Cole Slaw.
Veal Parmesan.
Buttered Noodles.
Carrots.
Orange Shortcakes.
Ice Cream.
All Measurements Are Least Unless Proportioned to Serve 4 to 6.

Veal Parmesan: Order 1½ lbs. tender veal, sliced thin. Spread with 2 tbsp. table mustard. Dust both sides with 2 tbsp. flour each.

Brown the meat quickly in butter, margarine or meat drippings. Place in an oiled baking pan or large shallow baking dish.

Pour in ¾ c. each milk and hot water or stock. Bake in individual large baking powder biscuits, using a standard recipe or a mix. For small shortcakes, use ready-to-bake biscuits.

Split and butter generously with piping hot. Put together with sweetened, sliced or diced oranges that have been slightly warmed. Be sure to put on the top layers upside down so the sliced orange will not slide off.

Use plenty of orange juice. It blends with the butter to form a delectable natural sauce. No whipped cream or other topping is needed.

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MEMO to bosses: Never be afraid of the pretty women. They have their own content



Due to the inclement weather last Thursday the six-a-side hockey games were postponed. It was hoped to complete all fixtures by July 29 so that the Knock-Out Competition could go ahead. But it seems as though the weather has other ideas.

Games so far postponed are: BMH Hongkong versus Headquarters Land Forces, Camp Staff versus No. 1 Sqn HK Sig Regt, Provost versus Pay 'A', and RE 'A' versus BMH Hongkong.

No doubt the Committee will fit these games in during the current League championship, and so maintain interest all the way through.

There is no doubt whatsoever that six-a-side hockey is very popular in the Colony, and that it is a fruitful source for the supply of field hockey talent.

Unfortunately so few of our sportsmen start from scratch these days. Rather they are ready-made, but it is always a joy to be able to find the athlete that has started from scratch.

Pay 'B' still continue on their winning way. They were once again successful against Provost last Friday winning by five goals to four.

Crucial Match

No quarter was asked for, or given in this crucial game. Provost, fighting from the word go, were always a threat, and never allowed Pay 'B' to get on top of them. In spite of changes, due to postings, the Police were always in the thick of things.

For the winners, Beardsley was a tower of strength in defence, and his team have much to thank him for.

The second game between Headquarters Land Forces and BMH was an absolute thriller. The 'Medics' started this off quite certain that two points were in the bag, and they would win by a wide margin too.

But HQLF had other ideas, and before BMH knew where they were, they were trailing by two clear goals. This was not at all to their liking, but at this stage there was little they could do about it. Eventually they were able to draw level, and at the final whistle had just got their noses in.

A very good game indeed, with little to choose between both teams, but BMH Hongkong just had the edge on things. Monday's game really started off with a bang. Before we knew where we were Headquarters Land Forces, and No. 1 Sqn HK Sig Regt were at it hammer and tongs.

Unlucky

With HQLF turning out a team that was at full strength it was anticipated that this game would be very close. In the end that was exactly how it was. The result was a 4-4 draw and the score just about summed things up. I thought that HQLF were in a little bit of a bad luck, and that if Kerandin had played up to his usual standard the result would have been different.

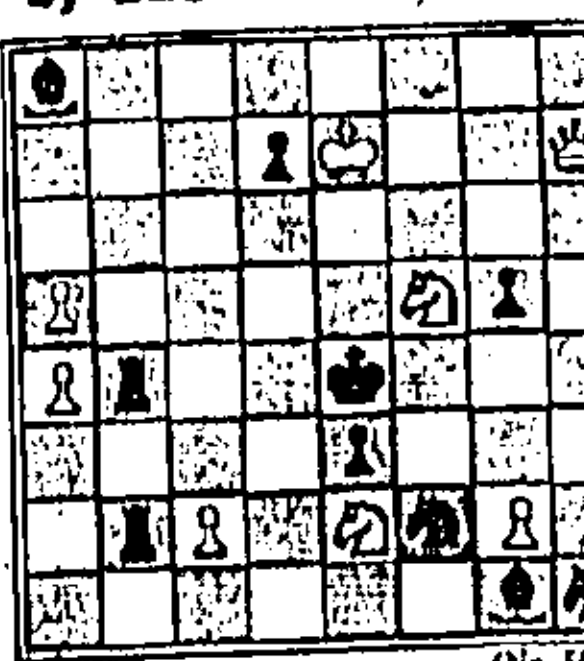
Archer for Signals was very much on his toes, and scored all the goals for No. 1 Sqn HK Sig Regt.

The second game between BMH Hongkong and RE 'B' was really first class. Although the 'Medics' won by six goals to three, this to say the least was a little misleading.

By half-time RE 'B' were leading by three goals to two, and Booth, Sullivan and company were really scratching their heads to find an answer. Find the answer they did, but

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a problem by H. M. Huse (American Chess Bulletin 1949) White to play and mate in three moves.

Sports Diary

20-DAY Men's Open Singles. Fourth Round. Matches at KICC, KCCC, RSCC, and KCCC.

3RD TRAINING REGIMENT, RE. WIN ARMY INTER-UNIT ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

By ARCHIE QUICK

The well-balanced team of the 3rd Training Regiment, Royal Engineers, stationed at Cove (Hants), scored a well-deserved victory in the Army Inter-Unit Team Athletic Championships at Aldershot last week, totalling 110 points to the 11 Hussars' (Carlisle) 79½ points and the 1st Bn East Surrey Regiment's (Bury St Edmunds) 73½.

The 2nd Bn Grenadier Guards (Dusseldorf), the 1st Bn Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Holywood, Northern Ireland) and the 45 Field Brigade Royal Artillery (Dortmund) followed on.

There were over 100 entries this year, with no fewer than 52 units from BAOR taking part. The Engineers owed a lot for their success to the coaching of their P.T. instructor Sergeant Andrews.

A 20-year-old record was broken by the East Surreys in the discus event when Capt. H. Grestwood and 2/Lt M. Ware had a combined throw of 202 ft 2 ins which beat the effort of the 1st Bn Irish Guards in 1939 by eleven feet.

The one mile time race also produced a record, for the Engineers packed well and finished first, third fourth and fifth to score 13 points and beat their own 14 points mark of 23 years ago.

Only 'Outsider'

The only "outsider" in the Engineers' great success was Pte Mike Gillett, of the East Surreys, who put in a storming finish to just lose on the tape. L/Corporal J. Snowden, who had led all the way and had opened up a big gap between himself and the rest of the field, was almost caught by the plucky Gillett in 4 mins 27.9 secs. Moreover, Gillett had had an exhausting morning, winning the three miles time race in 15 mins 57.8 secs from another pack of Engineers.

The 88 stones tug-of-war championship was won by the 5th Training Bn RASC (Aldershot), who beat Depot Regiment, Royal Engineers (Chatham) in the final, while the 100 stones title went to the well-drilled 1st Bn Gordon Highlanders from Galle, who registered an easy victory over 18 Field Regiment in the final.

Retain Title

The women's relay title was retained by the depot, Depot and Training Centre WRAC (Gulldford).

The President of the Army AAA, General Sir Dudley Ward, GCB, KBE, DSO, ADC, G.O.C. BAOR, made the trip from Germany to see the Championships as he always does. General Ward has

Goodwill First Finisher In San Pedro To Honolulu Race

Honolulu, July 15.

Larabee's big schooner, Goodwill, crossed Diamond Head in a rain squall last night—the first of 41 trans-Pacific yachts to complete the San Pedro-Honolulu run.

The 161-foot schooner crossed the finish line at 9:16.15 p.m. (7:16.15 GMT Wednesday) in a elapsed time of 10 days, 12 hours, 16 minutes and 15 seconds. The handicap time was 11 days, 22 minutes and 15 seconds.

This was far off the record of nine days, 15 hours, five minutes and 10 seconds established four years ago by the Ketch Morning Star—UPI.

CRICKET SCORES

London, July 15.

Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were: At Edgbaston: Scotland 202 (R. Chisholm 70, M. Denness 84). Versus Warwickshire.

At Hove: India 180 (C. Borde 50, J. Ghorpade 44, A. James five for 68). Sussex 105 for two (L. Latham 48 not out).

At Lord's: Gentlemen 104 (M. Smith 79). Players 102 for three.

At The Oval: Surrey 316 for eight (Fletcher 121, P. Swetnam 83). Versus Leicestershire. At Westcliff: Kent 272 (J. Prelove 70, G. Evans 68, R. Wilkinson 43, B. Knight five for 83). Essex 72 for one.—Reuter.

Turkish Soccer Team For Korea And Hongkong?

Seoul, July 16.

The South Korean Soccer Association has announced that it is planning to invite a team from Turkey for a series of goodwill matches in South Korea later this year.

A spokesman said the association was also studying the possibility of sponsoring the invitation jointly with Hongkong and the Philippines to reduce expenses.—China Mail Special.

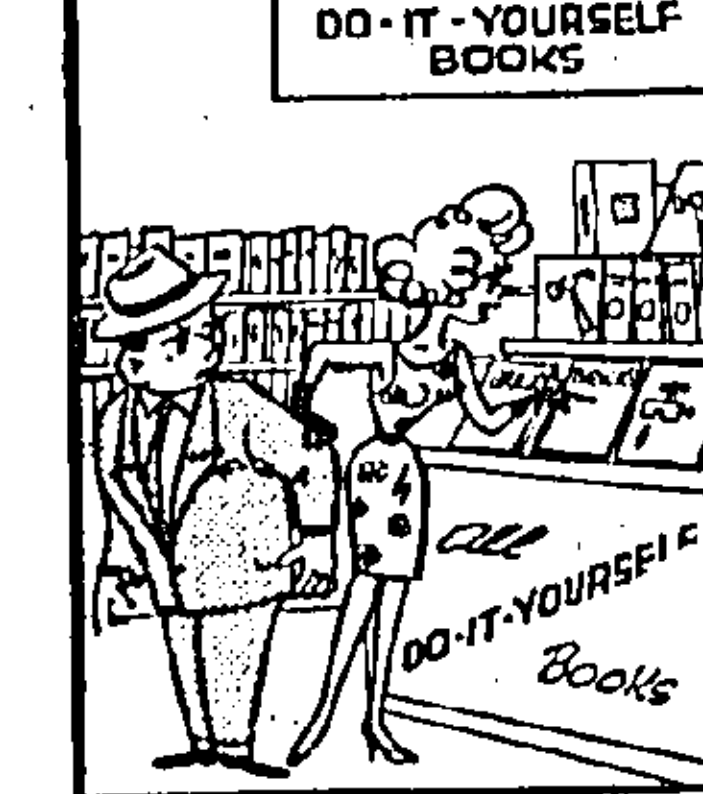
[The Hongkong Football Association today said they knew nothing of the project as yet.—Sports Ed.]

Appropriate

Last year's winners, the 1st Bn Black Watch, are in Aldershot and it was appropriate that the 3rd Training Regiment, RE should take the title this summer for they finished runners-up to the Scots.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



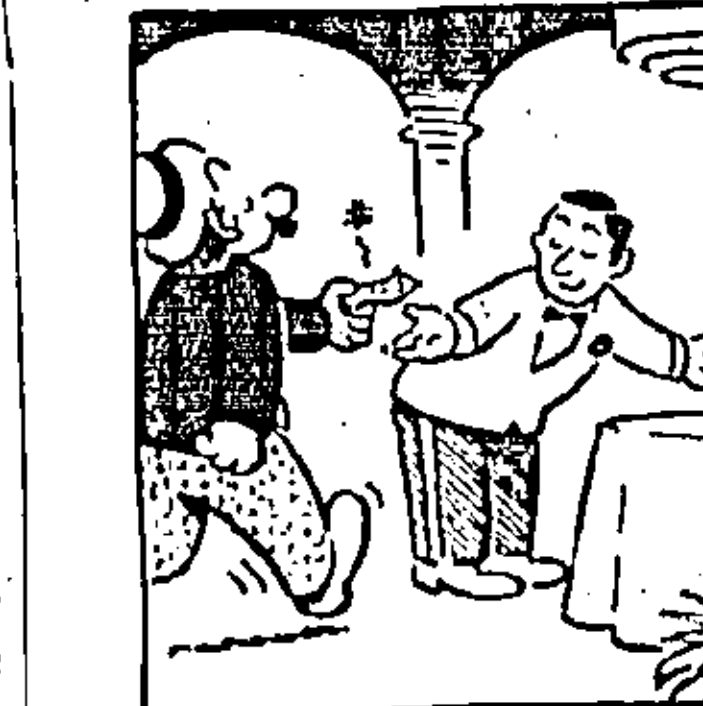
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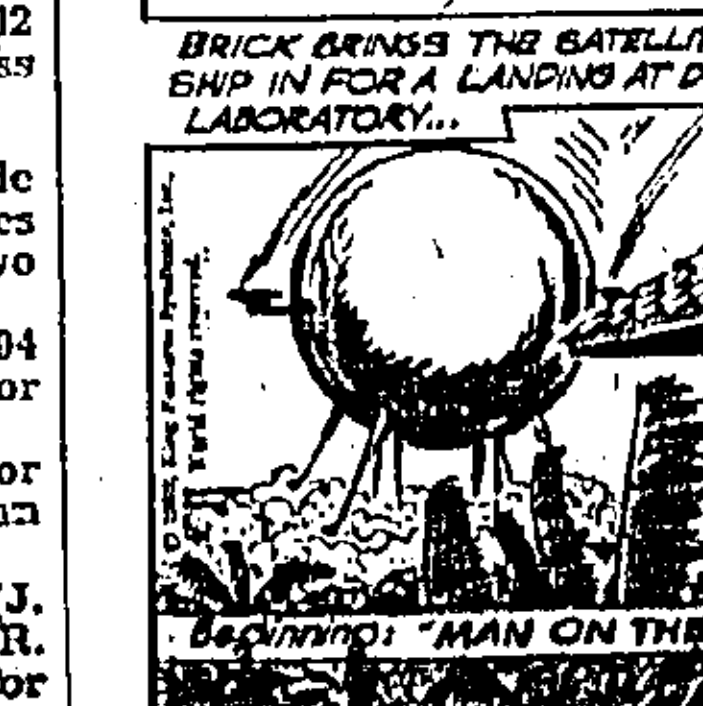
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Russians Want To Expand US Trade

New York, July 15.

A top Soviet foreign trade official said to-day that the Russian trade mission here currently is negotiating deals with a "big number" of U.S. firms, but declined to disclose the names of the companies or the types of goods involved.

Deputy Foreign Trade Minister Mikhail R. Kuzmin also disclosed that he recently held discussions in Washington with Treasury Secretary Robert B. Anderson on U.S.-Soviet trade problems.

Kuzmin refused to be drawn out on the subject of the discussions other than to say it was a "useful meeting" and that there are "still many problems to be solved."

He said the Soviet Union is anxious for expanded trade relations with this country "without any restrictions or discrimination."

EXHIBITION

He discussed East-West trade at a news conference at the Coliseum where the big Soviet exhibition of science, technology and culture is on display.

The Soviet Minister declined either to confirm or deny a report that a group of U.S. Steel companies has concluded a four-year agreement to purchase 350,000 tons of Russian chrome ore in return for aluminium auto body sheets.

Kuzmin said, however, that Russia is in a position to sell chrome ore and has no objection to buying auto body sheets. He logged off from revealing the names of the U.S. concerns involved in trade negotiations on the ground that the talks are still in progress and that he has not received permission from the Soviet mission's "trade partners."

INITIATED

He indicated that American companies have initiated offers for trade deals "in some cases."

The Trade Minister predicted that Soviet foreign trade would double by 1965. He said the volume of trade in 1957 exceeded \$5,000,000,000 at world prices.

He noted that Russia has launched its new seven-year plan adding that "this plan will be accomplished by utilizing the country's internal resources, and those persons who think that we shall not be able to fulfill this plan through our own efforts are deeply mistaken."

Erratic Movements In London

London, July 15.

It was a day of erratic movements in London

stock markets today and after giving promise of a return to firm conditions, the move petered out, and by the close much of the ground was lost.

Gift-edged, however, remained firm on investment demand and some good gains were established.

Foreign bonds were quiet and Greeks further improved. Dollar securities made good progress following the overnight rallies on Wall Street. Steel shares opened firm but the trend was reversed later and most prices were lower on balance.

Kemsley

Stores came back but in newspapers, Kemsley was again a prominent feature. In front of today's board meeting and most of the leading stocks reacted and closed mostly lower on balance. Insurance shares, however, were firm while oils moved irregularly.

Gold shares met a selective demand at first reflecting the quarterly reports but best prices were not fully held and losses predominated at the close. Coppers were firm.—Reuters.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$1,170,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HANKS	100	100	100
HSK Bank	100	100	100
East Asia	100	100	100
INSURANCES	100	100	100
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Prospects For UK's Overseas Trade

By JOHN KINGSLEY

The latest U.K. overseas trade returns are highly encouraging. After a sudden big improvement in April (from a monthly average of \$264 million in the first quarter to \$296 million) exports showed a further advance in May (to \$299 million), thus passing the previous record month of May, 1957.

The rise in April and May indicates a complete reversal of the previous trend. In these two months taken together, exports were 13 per cent higher than the average of the first quarter and 8.5 per cent higher than a year earlier. This increase has helped to offset the decline in the preceding eighteen months.

The expansion of U.K. exports has added significance in that it is part of a real recovery in world trade. Exports of the main industrial countries in western Europe increased at about the same rate as those of the U.K. This re-expansion of international trade, which came earlier than most qualified observers expected, is a hopeful development for the whole world and not least for the primary producing countries. There can no longer be any doubt that the international recession of 1957-58 is over.

Expansion

In the U.K. industrial expansion is strongly and amply demonstrated. Industrial production exceeded the previous peak of September 1957 in April and unemployment fell back to 1.9 per cent in June while simultaneously the country maintained a satisfactory balance-of-payments surplus of 476 million in the first quarter (which does not include the high exports of April and May). Similarly, renewed expansion has begun in North America and in western Europe.

In spite of the fall in commodity prices and the consequent loss of export earnings, the primary producing countries have been much less hurt by the recession than might have been expected. This was largely due to the continued inflow of capital from the industrial countries, in particular the U.S. and the U.K.

There was no sign of panic among private investors, and the international institutions, especially the World Bank, stepped up their activities whilst the International Monetary Fund assisted a number of countries to overcome short-term difficulties. Now most commodity prices have begun to recover and the position of the primary-producing countries is improving.

The problems of these countries are well understood in the U.K. The British Government avoided the re-introduction of quantitative import restrictions during the years 1955 to 1957 when it had to adopt a policy of restraint in order to check inflation and create a sound foundation for renewed growth. Since the second half of 1957 the U.K. has been benefiting from lower import prices. This has contributed to the stable price level over the past year, which in turn has assisted the new upturn of U.K. exports.

Underdeveloped

It is true that the underdeveloped countries have not yet fully made up the losses in earnings which they suffered through the recession. This is reflected in the fact that the recent growth of U.K. exports was not conspicuous in trade with North America (U.K. exports to the U.S. continued to rise even during the recession) and with western Europe. But exports to the primary producing countries are more important to the U.K. than they are to any other country.

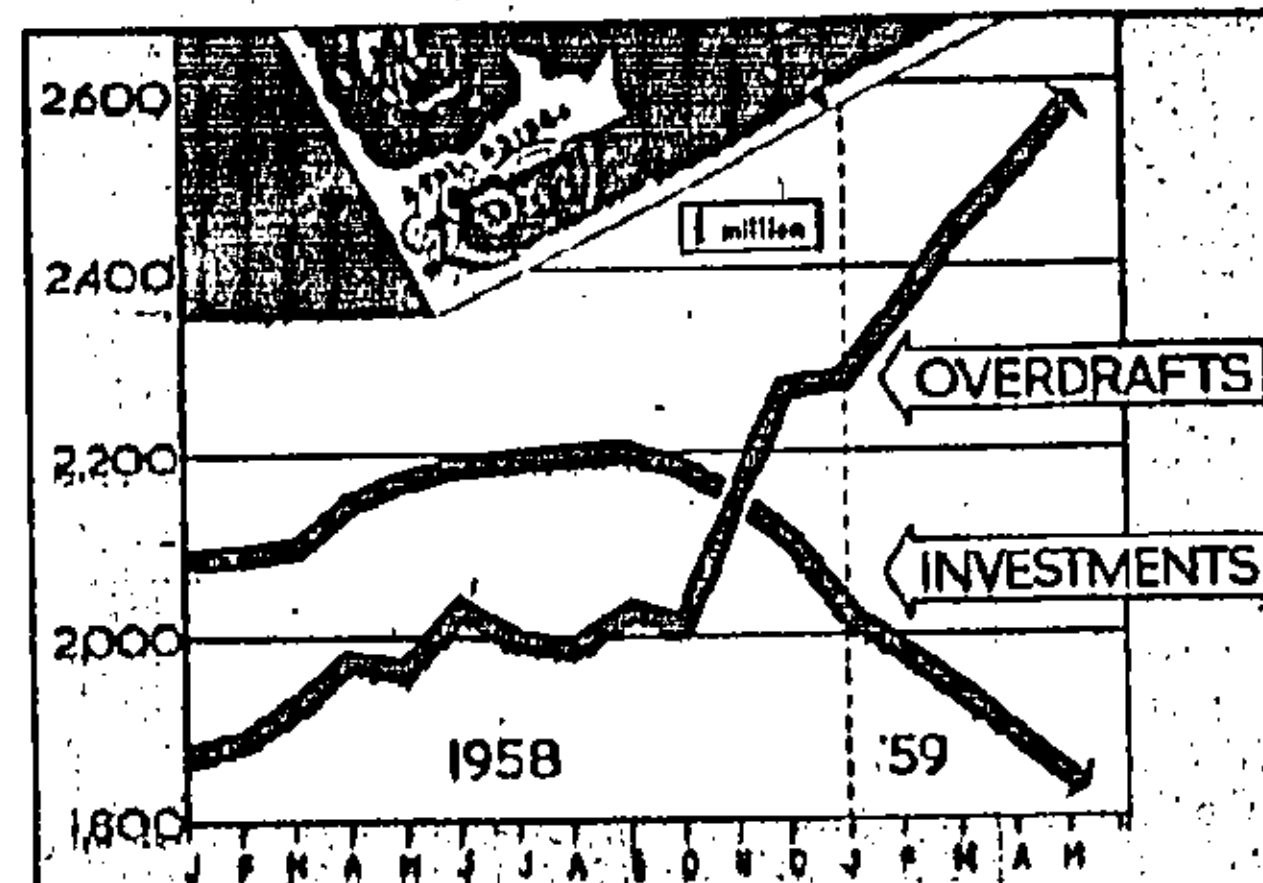
Last year its shipments to them were more than half as much as those of the other 18 OECD countries together, whereas its exports to the whole world were just below one-third of theirs.

One very encouraging augury for the U.K.'s overseas trade is that exports of engineering products were 14 per cent higher in April-May than a year earlier (well over the average increase of 8.5 per cent). This indicates that a real recovery is under way, since decisions to buy capital goods cannot be made suddenly but must be made well in advance. On the other hand, textile exports have remained flat. It is likely that the growth of exports will continue to be based on capital goods rather than consumer goods in view of the primary producing countries' desire to build up their own industries.

Adaptation

With the progress of industrialization, the underdeveloped countries will be able to import higher quality goods and, though this may require adaptation by U.K. industry, it will not impede the growth of trade. Exports began to rise again in the closing months of last year and continued their growth in the current year even though the figures for May alone were abnormally low.

Gilt-edged feel the overdraft



One reason why Gilt-edged have been looking friendlier of late is because the big banks have been increasing their lending on overdrafts. They have been selling Gilts to help find the money. This chart shows how the banks' investments have been going down as overdrafts have gone up.

London Express Service

For April and May together, however, they were four per cent higher than the monthly average of the first quarter and seven per cent higher than a year earlier. In spite of the rise in commodity prices, import prices have not yet gone up. This is not surprising since take several months before they affect import prices. In addition, prices for imported food did not fall so heavily as those for materials and are now recovering more slowly. However, the position of a number of primary producing countries, particularly in the Commonwealth, has already improved as the removal of import restrictions (e.g. in New Zealand) indicates.

Quite apart from higher prices, U.K. imports are bound to expand in consequence of the increased demand caused by rising activity, and this increase will strengthen the purchasing power of the primary producing countries for U.K. exports. The underdeveloped countries have also had the advantage of the higher rate of lending by the World Bank (disbursements 1957 \$440 million, 1958 \$541 million, first quarter 1959 \$150 million, first quarter 1958 \$100 million), which should continue in view of the increase in the resources of the World Bank (as well as those of the International Monetary Fund).

Steady Increase

All this points to a steady, though perhaps not dramatic, increase in U.K. exports. The U.K. is likely to hold its own in the face of strong competition, and its delivery dates are now much the same as those of other countries. Much depends on the pace of recovery in the rest of the sterling area.

The U.K. accounts for 10 per cent of world trade, but for 33 per cent of the trade of the rest of the sterling area. It is to the U.K.'s advantage over a period that the earnings of the primary producing countries, particularly in the Commonwealth, should expand so that they can step up their purchases. In turn, the greater the export earnings of the U.K., the more it can invest abroad, especially in the Commonwealth countries.—LPS.

Trouble Ahead For The American Dollar

By SYDNEY GAMPELL

London, July 15.

If anything is to stop Wall Street's galloping and put a crimp in the American and world business boom, it will be a dollar crisis—not a crisis of the dollar's collapse but internal crisis retrenchment measures to avert one.

The trouble is not that the United States is losing too much gold, but that with its balance of payments in deep trouble it is losing too many dollars and, suspiciously too little gold.

The self-denying ordinance of the other Central Banks in refraining from taking United States gold has become rather transparent and there may be too many of them keeping it off London does not yet get off. America's gold from these Central Banks that do not mind offending Washington for resale to others that do, but as the latter are willing to pay a little more than the American price each offers may eventually come.

Gentlemen?

If any Central Bank that is getting more dollars than it knows what to do with does decide to arbitrage American gold, it might even content for the principle that the international monetary system cannot be run on an old-boy basis of gentlemanly forbearance any more than, as has been learned this year, the City of London can be run that way.

Intrinsically, the dollar is immensely strong but the reason for thinking that the American external deficit may require the medicine of internal retrenchment are that of the two external alternatives—loose money policy seems inadequate while external retrenchment and deflationism would make matters worse.

The transformation of money rates had undoubtedly helped

the United States external capital balance but the people in the Department of Commerce, who compile the balance of payments, themselves seem to doubt whether its purely external working will do the trick unless it is allowed to wreak some internal retrenchment too.

Retrenchment

Any dosage of internal retrenchment would catch Wall Street and American business already vulnerable to a drop in stockbuilding demand and in Federal government demand.

In the coming year these two sectors may be fully \$35,000 million less than in the past year.

A capital goods boom is coming, but it can hardly come fast enough or big enough to offset drops of that magnitude. In Germany which has been ahead of the United States in the cyclical recovery and in the famine price market for equities, the stock exchanges have turned less rapturous.

If Wall Street does take a toss, it might be rationalisable as an overdue technical correction connected with the turning point in profit margins as well as in inventories. The chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers had warned that the recent rise in labour costs resembles past periods in which America had either price increases or a squeeze on profits.

As both Washington and New York seem convinced that the dollar could not stand another price spiral, the alternative of a profit squeeze is that much likelier.—China Mail Special.



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Washington.

THE Maritime Administration last February awarded a contract for the design of a radically new type ship that will skim over the waves at thrice the speed of ocean liners.

New Aircraft Lift Thrust Engine

THE first details of a new Bristol Siddeley project, the BR 53 lift thrust engine were announced recently. It makes possible the design of very high speed aircraft both with VTOL and STOL characteristics.

Providing both direct lift and thrust for forward flight, the engine has an extremely high thrust/weight ratio, higher, says the announcement, than that of any existing turbojet.

Bristol's say the fact that direct lift and forward thrust are both provided by the same engine obviates the need to carry the deadweight of vertically mounted lifting powerplants which are used only for take-off and landing.

A ducted fan engine such as the BR 53—which has a high by-pass ratio—is capable of a better specific fuel consumption and better take-off performance than a pure jet engine, without suffering from the high speed limitations of the propeller turbine.

In the new engine, the gases are discharged through outflow to give either lift or forward thrust. The outflow is so arranged as to give a combination of these two components, and can also provide forward thrust to give braking effect when the aircraft is landing.

The engine's take-off thrust is of the same order as that of the Olympus and the specific fuel consumption at cruising thrust is low.

Vertical Take-off Or Landing. Short Take-off Or Landing.

Revolutionary Overhead Railway

A CONSERVATIVE peer, Lord Hawke, has asked in the House of Lords whether the Government know of the claim by the Southern Rhodesian Department of Engineering and Construction that its engineers have invented a revolutionary overhead railway.

He urged the British Government to test the system in Britain.

For the Government, Lord Bathurst, Lord-in-Waiting, said he was interested in any transport developments, and the Minister of Transport was considering information about the system which had been made available to him.

Lord Hawke wanted the Minister to undertake early publication of details about the system which, he said, was likely to be extremely valuable in opening up the great spaces of Africa with all-weather transport.

Lord Bathurst said that available details were at present very sketchy but the Minister would be told Lord Hawke's views.

Lord Merivale remarked that a Scottish consulting engineer had designed an efficient overhead railway, and that a French company in conjunction with the French Government was building a test line for an overhead railway in France.

Lord Bathurst said that a mono-rail company had done this and he understood the scheme was about to be tested.—China Mail Special.

Krupp Supertanker

ESSO BREMEN, a Krupp-built 47,000-ton supertanker, has been launched at Bremen for the German Esso affiliates. She was built at the yards of A. G. Weser—a member of the Krupp concern—as part of a programme under which German Esso has ordered three tankers of 80,000 tons, four of 47,000 tons and two of 70,000 tons.

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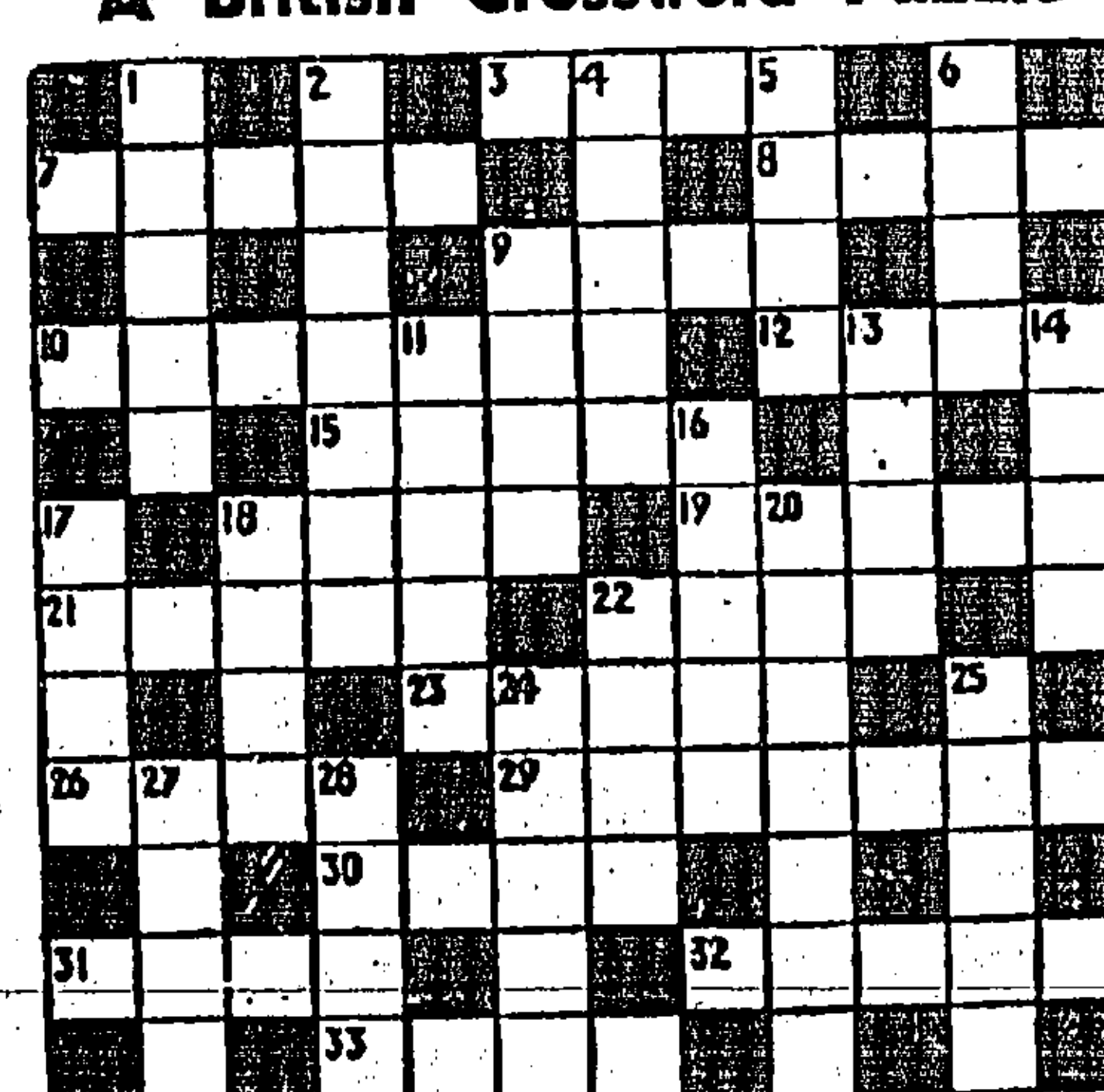
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A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 3 Eager and excited (4).
 - 7 Game of numbers (5).
 - 8 Sour to taste (4).
 - 9 Inclination to be created? (4).
 - 10 The pride of the regiment (7).
 - 12 Bird found in Lucerne (4).
 - 15 Convulsive action (5).
 - 16 Not an upright catalogue (4).
 - 19 Intrigue (5).
 - 21 All the best (5).
 - 22 He raised Cain (4).
 - 23 Run-over (5).
 - 26 Scramble (4).
 - 29 War-fleets (7).
 - 30 Notice visually (4).
 - 31 Annulus (4).
 - 32 Such rivers rise at their mouths as well as their courses! (6).
 - 33 County in Slumberland? (4).
- DOWN
- 1 A little bit off the course! (5).
 - 2 Money down? (7).
 - 4 Sunrise (5).
 - 5 Spectators (4).
 - 6 Jungle king (4).
 - 9 Nasty child (4).
 - 11 Split (5).
 - 13 There's some at the top, they say (4).
 - 14 However you look at her, she's a lady (5).
 - 17 He has something coming to him (4).
 - 18 Rests on falsehoods? (4).
 - 20 Aliment (7).
 - 24 Bright and breezy? (4).
 - 25 Quite (5).
 - 28 Santa's other form? (5).
 - 27 The military, perhaps, in munitions (4).
 - 28 Plant (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Create, 2 Amid, 9 Robes, 10 Bacon, 11 Aids, 13 Volunteers, 15 Otto (mum), 16 Foot, 19 Seven Dials, 22 Hilar, 24 Being, 25 Bridge, 26 Fern, 27 Siltier, Down: 2 Rebel, 3 Arson, 4 Embroid, 5 Macaroni, 6 Wind, 8 M-e-r-t, 12 Shows, 14 Vetch, 16 Uttering, 17 Osier, 19 Deigas, 20 Dept, 21 Agilo, 23 Abet.

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PICTORIAL PARADE



ABOVE: Dr. H. C. Hu and Mrs. Hu pose with attendants, relatives and friends after their wedding at St John's Cathedral last week. The bride is the former Miss Dorcas Chau.



ABOVE: Mrs. J. Thomson, teacher of the Glenalee Junior School, chats with Mr. J. M. M. Alves during the school's "Open Day," held last week.

RIGHT: At the July 14—Bastille Day—reception held at the Hongkong Club (l-r): Mr. E. B. Toesdale, assistant Colonial Secretary, and Mr. F. Toussaint, acting French Consul-General.



RIGHT: Pretty movie actress Fong Wah strikes a pose for amateur photographers who flocked to the Riviera Gardens on Sunday to snap film stars posing for them. The event, an annual one, is organised by a Chinese newspaper.

METROPOLITAN STAR'S RECITAL AT PRINCESS THEATRE

By ERNST GOTTSCHALK

IN the polyglot world of Hongkong music, American singers have been in good supply in recent years, among whom we have already had the pleasure to hear three stars of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Last night another leading member of that famous opera house, mezzo-soprano Blanche Thebom, gave a recital of songs and opera arias which, though announced only a couple of days ago, was very well attended and greatly applauded.

Miss Thebom, captivating her audience with her radiant smile and great stage presence, embraced a wide range of music, showing an impressive command of Italian, French and German diction. She displayed too a solidly centred, richly coloured and powerful voice—smooth in the lower register, clear and mostly unforced in the upper one—and an ample breath supply which she used with ease.

Starting her recital with Mozart's stylistically extremely difficult concert aria "Ch'io mi scordi di te" and a group of four Brahms' Lieder, it became evident that the recital hall was not quite her ambience and that the song not her most happy medium, probably because it did not give her sufficient time to establish character.

However, when she sang arias from "Carmen," great admiration was justified and that goes too for a Spanish song which she gave as an encore. This admiration was sustained when, during the second part of her recital, Miss Thebom interpreted with great spirit four chanson-like songs by Emile Paladilhe, a French composer who is little known outside his own country.

In this group of songs as well as in D. Diamond's "David weeps for Absalom" and in the various Negro Spirituals the singer found her interpretative gifts well matched.

Accompanied by Mr. William Haines, with his finely integrated playing of the piano, was an expert help to her.

Great credit is due to the Music Companion Magazine for presenting such an interesting singer at such short notice.

Claim Case Defendant Says:

Lane, Crawford Bill Was \$15,000 Higher

A coal merchant told the Supreme Court today that in 1957 he had received a bill from Lane, Crawford Ltd which was \$15,000 higher than it should have been.

Lane, Crawford is suing the merchant, Pong Koon-wah, sole proprietor of Luen Shing Coal Company, 15 Lan Fong Road for the recovery of \$82,187.62 for coal delivered in 1957 and last year.

Pong claims to have paid all the money except \$10,725.52 to K. T. Chang whom he knew as the manager of the coal department of Lane, Crawford.

Earlier evidence was that Chang disappeared with his family in April, last year, when it was found that \$350,000 he had received from Lane, Crawford had not been paid into the company's accounts.

A Letter

Giving evidence today Pong identified 20 receipts which he said were given him by K. T. Chang for payment.

He said that on August 26, 1957 he had received a letter from Lane, Crawford which said he owed them \$28,049.

Pong said that in fact he had owed them more than that. On September 4, he had received a reminder for the same amount which also stated he would have to pay interest of one per cent per month retrospective to May 1.

Pong said he went to see Chang about the interest charge and Chang advised him to pay the money as soon as possible and he would ask the manager to waive the interest.

Pong said he had paid \$10,000 on October 8, 1957 and had later paid another \$12,000.

Increased

On October 12, he received another letter from Lane, Crawford saying that his outstanding balance was \$37,049.

"On checking my figures I discovered the actual outstanding account had been increased by \$15,000," Pong said. He went to Lane, Crawford again and saw Chang who told him to pay as soon as he could according to his own figures.

Mr Oswald Cheung instructed by Mr P. A. L. Yine is appearing for the plaintiffs and Mr Leo d'Almeida, QC, and Mr Gerald Busto instructed by Mr C. P. Lai are appearing for the defendant.

The case is being heard before Mr Justice A. D. Scholtes. Hearing is continuing.



Consul Arrives

Mr Joao Pequito, the new Portuguese Consul-General at Hongkong, arrived by PAA from Europe this morning.

Mr Pequito, who entered the Portuguese Foreign Service 10 years ago, had served in the Paris Embassy as a secretary. He had previously been a secretary with the Portuguese mission at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

He would work for the traditional close feeling and friendship which exists between Hongkong and Macao.

Mr Pequito, who is a bachelor, will remain in Hongkong for two years.

He was met at the airport by the acting Consul-General, Mr F. de M. Ribeiro and Mrs Ribeiro.

From the Files

25 years AGO

As an example to his people, Signor Mussolini, Premier of Italy worked as an ordinary farm labourer for three hours in a temperature of 94 degrees in the shade. He later drew the union rate of pay for his labour which is equivalent to 20 pence less a farthing for compulsory insurance.

INCLUDED in the estimates of the supplementary votes to be considered by Finance Committee this afternoon is a sum of \$10,335 for the purchase of a new Humber Pullman limousine for His Excellency the Governor, the Crossley car used as an official car at Government House being no longer sufficiently serviceable for that purpose. The expenditure has the approval of the Secretary of State.

A SENSATIONAL development in the hearing of an extradition case before Mr Hamilton at Central occurred yesterday afternoon when shortly after the beginning of the proceedings the Magistrate suddenly adjourned the Court for ten minutes, while Police officers conducted a search of the crowded audience at the back of the Court for weapons.

When Mr Hamilton resumed he said that the Police authorities had suspicions that there were some undesirable characters among the spectators and hence the adjournment. No arms were found.

In order to eliminate the danger of passengers stepping off tramcars straight into a line of traffic, the Hongkong Tramways Ltd are constructing about 14 islands at points where pedestrian traffic is most congested.

"WE look forward to the day when every child in this Colony shall have a space in which to play free from danger to himself and others. These grounds are provided for your enjoyment. We don't want you to play in the streets where you are liable to be run over by motor cars. We welcome you all—the more the merrier," remarked the Colonial Secretary, the Hon. Sir Thomas Southern in declaring the Wanchai Children's Playground open yesterday.

Sir Thomas expressed regret at the unavoidable absence of Mr M. K. Lo, President of the Hongkong Rotary Club and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Children's Playground Association.

Corruption Case Dismissed

A case against two policemen, charged with corruptly receiving, was dismissed by Mr E. Corbally at Central Magistracy this morning, when he said he disbelieved the evidence given by two prosecution witnesses.

The defendants were Cheung King-fai, 25, PC 3317 and Yeung Sai-chiu, 27, PC 4376, both attached to Shaukiwan Police Station.

Appearing for the first and second defendants were Mr Peter C. Wong and Mr F. X. D'Almeida, respectively. Detective Sub-inspector W. M. Rose presided.

Mr Wong submitted that the evidence given by the civilian witnesses for the prosecution was contradictory.

Mr D'Almeida said he agreed with Mr Wong and added that there was no evidence at all to show that his client (second defendant) had received any money from the Police. He pointed out that a \$5 note had been found on his client but that none of the prosecution witnesses had identified it.

Comet 4 In Kai Tak Night Landing

A Boac Comet 4 made a number of successful take-offs and landings at Kai Tak last night during the current series of tests to familiarise crews with night-flying conditions at the new airport.

The Comet, Delta Able, was the first commercial jet aircraft to use the new runway lighting system.

The plane was commanded by Capt. R. C. Alabaster with Capt. R. G. Ballantine as co-pilot. They are both senior captains of the Boac Comet fleet and were flown in from London for the one-and-a-half-hour test.

Members of the Department of Civil Aviation and Boac, including Mr M. J. Muspratt-Williams, DCA, were on board as observers. Mr W. Knights, GEC representative for the new lighting system was also present.

Ring Stolen

A diamond ring, valued at \$1,300, was stolen from No. 5 Merlin Street, second floor, yesterday. The theft occurred between 2 a.m. and 9 a.m. yesterday.

FUNERAL OF MR ARTHUR LOFTS

The funeral of the late Mr Arthur Charles Loftis was held this morning at the Colonial Cemetery, Happy Valley. He died at the age of 80.

The late Mr Loftis was survived by four sons and a daughter, Arthur, Martin, Vanessa, Graham and Leslie.

The late Mr Loftis was a Singapore-based manufacturer's representative, who came to Hongkong in March. He died at the Melilla Hospital on Tuesday.

He sold surgical instruments for John D. Hutchison & Co. Ltd. The Rev. J. W. Foster officiated at the ceremony at the graveside.

Those present at the funeral were Commander J. F. Harty, RN, Mr A.D. Brington, Mr J.G. Edmunds of the Hongkong Bank Trustees, Mr F.A. Broadbridge, Mr J. D. Clague, Col. H. Owen-Hughes and Mrs A. Harper.

Those who sent wreaths were Arthur, Martin, Vanessa, Graham, and Leslie. The Management of the Gloucester Hotel, Directors of John D. Hutchison and Mrs A. Harper.

Letters To The Editor

Traffic Signs

Sir,—The letter signed "Plain Businessman" which appeared in your issue of July 14 was most interesting and since it would appear that it is my firm that is spoken about as being the local factory making baked enamel, silk-screen printed signs, I felt that I should reply.

We are well-established makers of such signs and have a record of making over 1,000,000 baked enamel finished signs in Hongkong. Others import them. Some spray-paint and even brush paint them. In fact many newly erected traffic signs are definitely not baked enamel finished, although I believe Government specify such finish!

The disadvantages of non-baked enamel signs lie after exposure to strong sunlight for about a month, the surface becomes dull; colour pigments gradually come out on top and colours change slowly from the original. Their maximum life is about one year. Baked enamel is just the opposite. The surface remains fixed and the colour bright, durable and fast for at least four to five years even in this climate, and the surface is hard to scratch.

In view of this, we wonder why Government specify baked enamel finish and continue to accept and pay for signs which are not so finished?

A sample sign can be seen at the corner of Ice House Street and Queen's Road Central. This is still as fresh and bright as the day it was put there—over one year ago. We have made signs for another government department who have expressed themselves as well satisfied with our work.

Early Closing

Sir,—The Kowloon peninsula possesses at least two nice children playgrounds situated in Chatham and Salisbury Roads, which are very popular judging by the attendance but unfortunately most of the users are greatly disappointed and frustrated by the fact that we have to vacate these playgrounds at a time

when it is becoming a little cooler (i.e. at 8 pm) and just that we are invited to leave. Therefore with great reluctance we have to return to our crowded dwellings which are as hot as furnaces during these long hot summer evenings.

If the authorities have opened these playgrounds with a view to taking children off the streets and at the same afford the Kowloon residents a place to enjoy some tranquillity and fresh air away from their crowded dwellings, may we be permitted to ask why the Urban Council do not take steps to allow these two playgrounds to remain open until 10 pm or 10 pm during the hot summer.

We understand the playgrounds at Victoria Park in Causeway Bay remain open until midnight. Why this policy of two weights and two measures? Will the chairman of the Urban Council be good enough to issue an official explanation as to why his department look down on Kowloon residents. Let us hope our prayers will have an answer this time.

A GROUP OF KOWLOON RESIDENTS

REPLIES TO CORRESPONDENTS

Mr Chow: Your letter was given to Mr Fuller but there is no public interest in this argument.—Ed.

Critics Critic

Sir,—Kindly permit this correspondent a little space to express his personal view on the letter in your issue of yesterday criticising the views of a regular correspondent in your columns.

Mr N. T. Chow writes interestingly and on a variety of subjects, and his command of the English language evokes admiration, as it indicates the correspondent's high standard of education. Whether or not other readers agree with Mr Chow's views is besides the point, and Mr Chow's style of writing may be peculiarly his own. What is important is that cor-

respondents have the right to express their views if they do not infringe on common decency or offend public taste, and the one to judge whether a letter is worthy of publication, even though it may not represent his personal view.

What we need today is a spirit of tolerance, and if we cannot agree with someone's ideas or his points of views, we are at liberty to differ agreeably without feeling all hot and bothered. The two gentlemen who criticised Mr Chow so strongly in their letter yesterday must have found the heat intolerable that rather upset their one would presume, usual spirit of goodwill. In any case, to invite other "anti-N.T." Chow's to express their opinions would seem to suggest that they entertain a strong resentment against the unfortunate Mr Chow for reasons which it is hard to understand.

It is feared that in expressing his personal view on this matter, your humble correspondent is drawing the fire upon his own person, but he feels that the freedom of the Press also concedes similar freedom of expression on the public.

PERCY LARKEN.

P.S.—The two gentlemen concerned at least have our respect for signing themselves, unlike other despicable and cowardly anonymous attackers who hide behind their nom-de-plume or initials.

Singapore Austerity Hits Partygoers

Singapore, July 15.—Singapore's new People's Action Party government, at present in the midst of an austerity campaign, has issued its senior civil servants with instructions on cocktail party attendances.

The Finance Minister, Dr. Goh Keng Swee, said in a circular that at future official receptions, permanent secretaries and heads of department could be present only if their minister was there too.—Reuter.

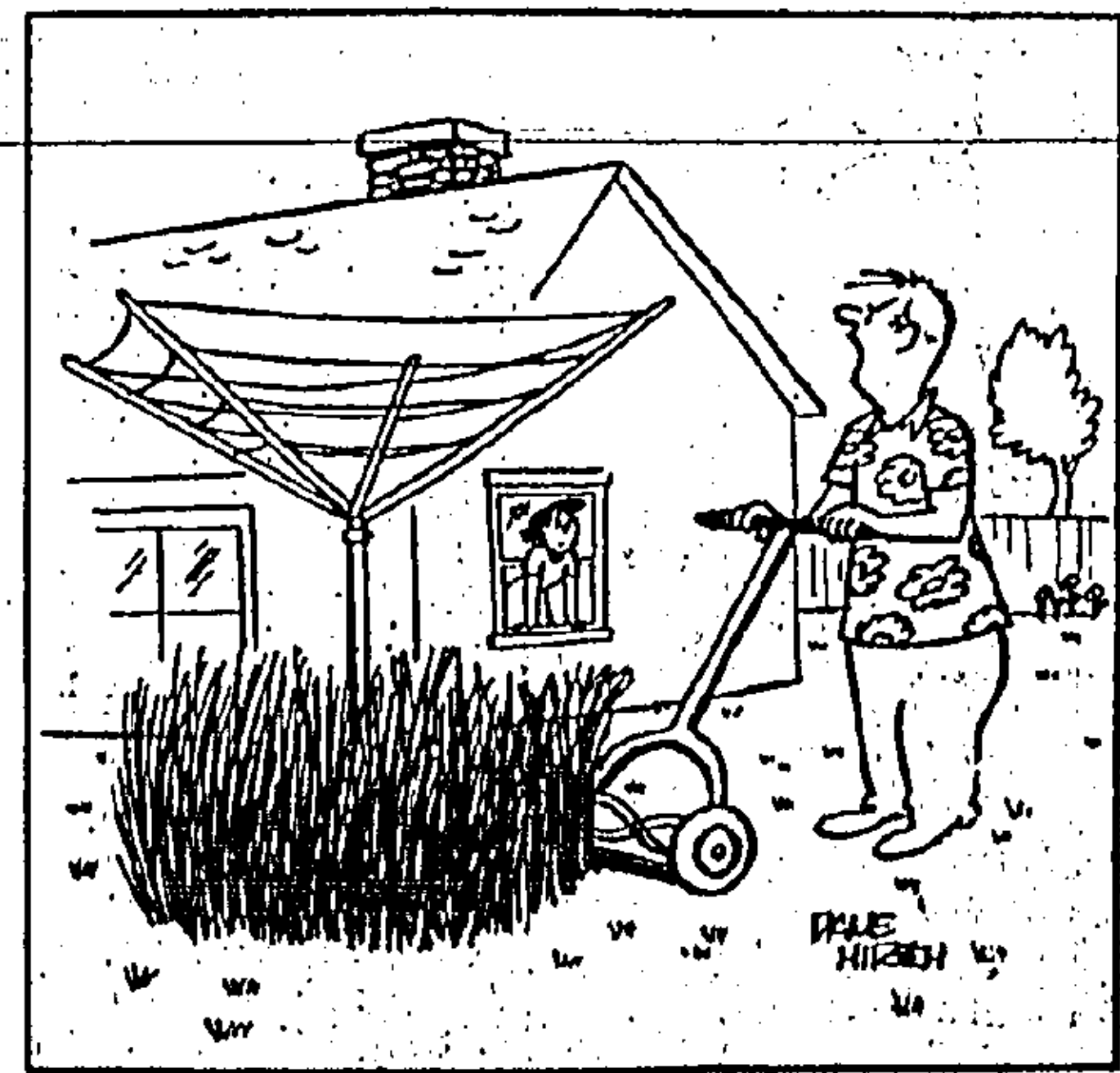
Treat Rats Like Terrorists

Kuala Lumpur, July 15.—Kuala Lumpur's current all-out war against rats has been compared with the nationwide campaign against Chinese Communist terrorism.

Dr L. S. Sodhy, the municipal health chief, declared that the best way to eradicate both is by the method of starving them out—the strategy formulated by Gen. Sir Gerald Templer, former director of Malaya's anti-Communist war.

Under the "Templer Plan" severe measures were enforced which cut off the Communist terrorists from their sources of food supply.—UPI.

This Funny World



"I wish you'd wring out the wash before you hang it."

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